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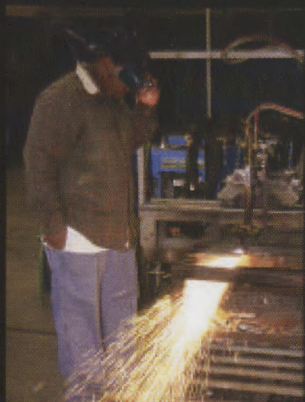
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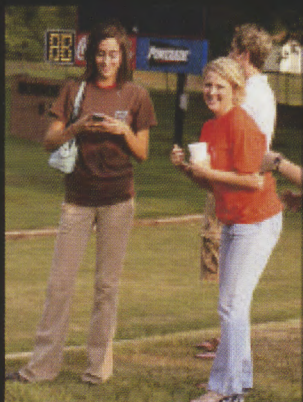
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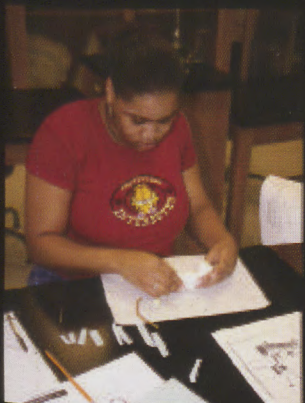


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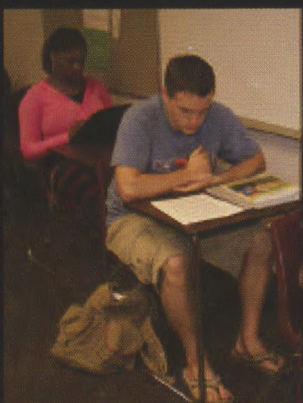


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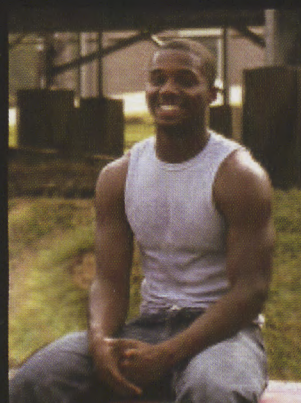


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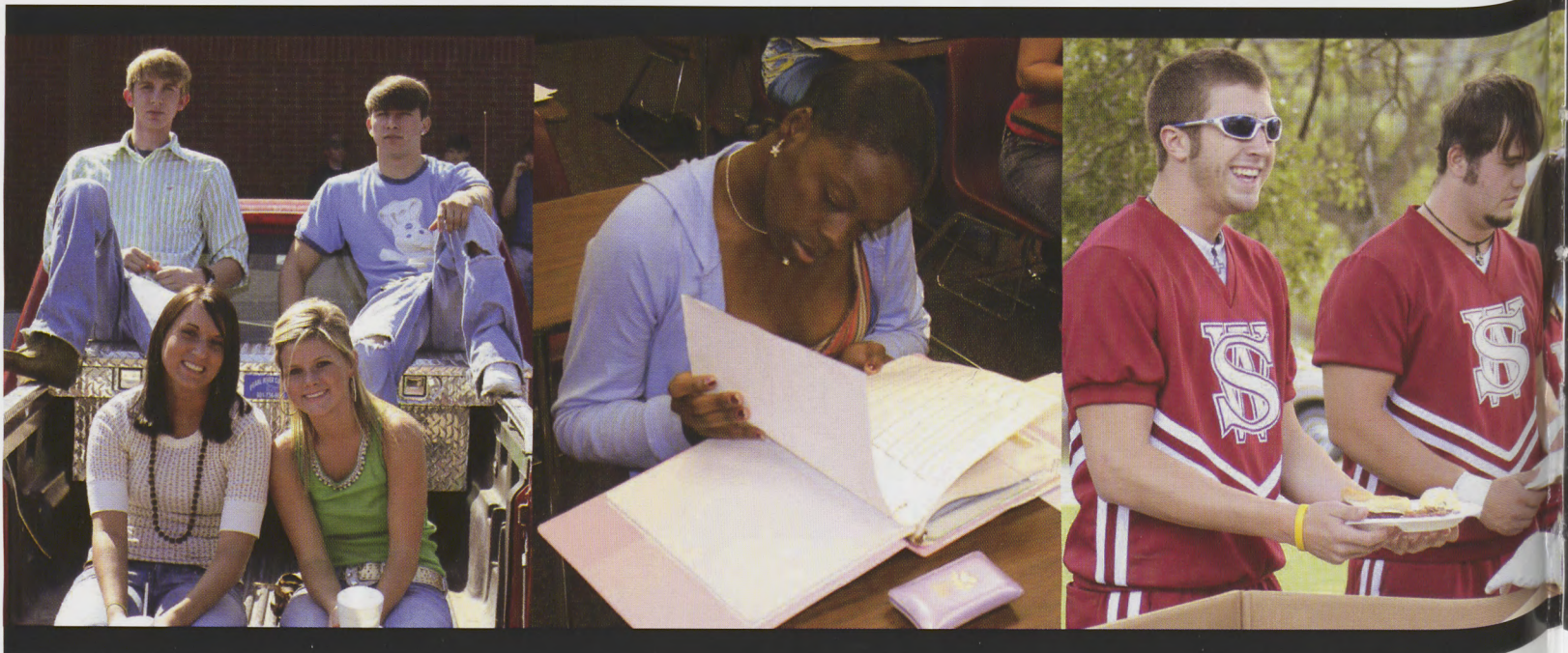
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Jennings Dickey chooses a peaceful spot to alleviate writer's block.



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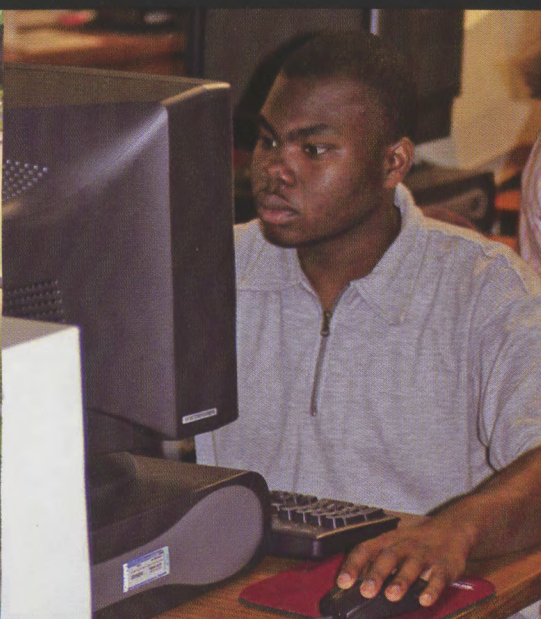
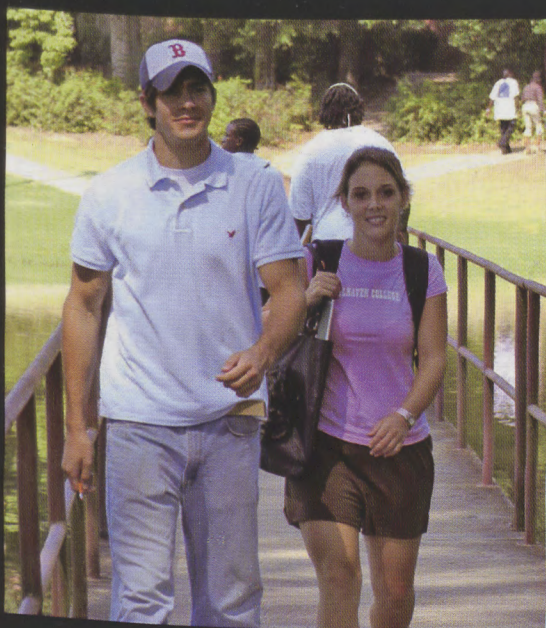


Waiting in long lines during registration in record breaking heat, watching football players practice for the upcoming season, and hearing sounds of trumpets blowing in the scorching, summer heat during band practice declared the beginning of a new academic year. For approximately 1,800 students, Southwest became the institution of choice to begin or continue their educational track. Some joined the Bear family to prepare themselves for the workforce after completing a two-year program. Others chose Southwest to build a two-year, educational foundation before transferring to a senior college. For students achieving either goal, Southwest's reputation for excellence guaranteed they made the right choice.

Beginning in 1918 as a small agricultural high school, Southwest has developed into a campus consisting of twenty-eight buildings, a stadium, and a baseball field located on a sixty acre plot. Southwest boasts the only program in the United States in rotary drilling and equipment relative to drilling for water, petroleum, or ecological concerns. Its football team landed a winning season record placing eight players and the coaching staff in a winning All-Star game in Boonesville, Mississippi. Southwest's practical nurse students continue reaching success with 100 percent of the licensed practical nurse students passing the state board exams on the first try. For music lovers, Southwest's Stage Band shows, which consist of the only steel drum band in the state, perform at Christmas and in the spring drawing crowds from the surrounding community.

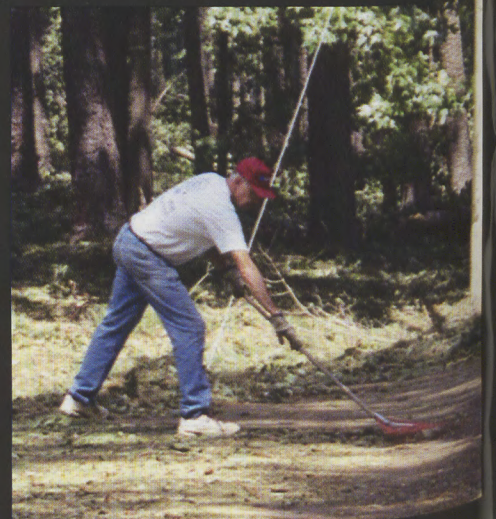
And yet, with all of these excellent accomplishments, Southwest is most proud of its close knit Bear family. It is not the programs, enrollment, or buildings that build Southwest's excellence. It is the people who make Southwest successful.

It is the students' separate individualities, talents, and backgrounds joined with Southwest's faculty, administration, and staff that form a Bear family. To the Bear family, these students are essential, vital, crucial, and necessary for Southwest to continue building excellence.



Trent Nettles and Jamey Matte head to class while K.C. Smith searches for a research topic in the library and Kristi Powell and Coty Braswell perform during a half-time show. It's the day to day routines of getting to class and working on school work coupled with the excitement of a football game's half-time show that built fond memories of students' days at Southwest.

Instructor Colter Cotten and Administrator Grady Smith "bear" the heat cleaning up after the storm. Administrators, faculty, staff, students, and even parents of students pitched in a helping hand to get the school back up and running.



Then Came

Katrina

Students filled the classrooms, met their teachers, bought their books, made new friends, and started establishing a college life routine. But all routine stopped on August 29th the day Hurricane Katrina roared into town. Blowing winds up to 100+ miles per hour, Katrina left destruction and devastation in her path turning daily routines into getting news, gas, and ice.

For President Young, the safety of Southwest never left his mind. "As soon as the roads were passable after the departure of Katrina, my son Carr and I drove through the campus, entering via Hershel Grady Memorial Drive. In the pine thicket south of the road, we saw many downed trees, some uprooted; others were broken off at various heights. Our Southwest sign was down. Though the duplex apartments were undamaged, the woods beyond the apartments were filled with fallen trees.

We drove beneath a very low power

line crossing Bear Drive in front of the Bryan Science Building and next to the lake. Just below the dam, we saw a large tree down.

We turned south on College Drive, but had to back out after reaching the Child Care Center because uprooted trees had fallen across both the entrance and exit drives. However, we were able to see that two uprooted trees rested on top of the P.T.K. Hut.

Driving around the Britte Hughey Administration Building and on to Stadium Drive, we saw that both the Concession Stand and the Press Box had suffered partial roof losses. A tree lay across Stadium Drive near the Athletic Field House, and all but one of the cedars on the south side of the street were snapped off about four feet above the ground.

Behind the Alumni Building, several large oaks had fallen. Two large pines lay across the road to the softball field and on the fence. Traveling behind the Athletic Dorm to Union Drive, we saw two large pines across the road. Power lines and a light pole were

down at the baseball field. A portable batting cage lay mangled.

Back on College Drive, we saw downed trees surrounding the Old Cafeteria and on the bridge behind the library. North on College Drive, trees were down at the entrance to the campus. West on Lakeside Drive, several trees blocked the road in front of the library; others lay in the lake behind the library. Unable to continue, we turned around and drove to the administration building.

Only Divine Providence could have spared our buildings in the midst of so much destruction, and for God's Sheltering Hand, I am thankful."

Through those who volunteered their time and strength to cleaning the campus to those who donated money and contributions to the many organizations helping hurricane victims, God's presence clearly shown.

Katrina's destructive force only made Bear bonds stronger motivating administrators, faculty, staff, students, and even parents of students to continue building Bear excellence.



Faculty apartments are spared, yet a row of pines next to the homes are downed by Katrina's fierce winds.



Strong winds bring trees into Bear Lake.



Dean Bishop, Paul Dancisin, Doug Lucas, Ryan Ross, and Bill Wallace work to rebuild the SMCC sign near the Grady Drive entrance.

The end of an era . . .

Horace Holmes

July 19, 1924 - September 1, 2005

On September 1, 2005 Southwest Mississippi Community College bid a solemn farewell to its long time president, Horace Carruth Holmes. Serving thirty-two years as president, Holmes made Southwest a leader of continuing education in this area.

Holmes began his service to Southwest in 1953. He served Southwest as an instructor, basketball coach, and Academic Dean/Vice President.

Known as "Coach" to many friends and former students, Holmes influenced the lives of thousands. Those who knew him best knew that his love for students was indeed his truest driving force and motivation for his relentless, tireless efforts in building Southwest's reputation for excellence. "Every day, as I walk on that campus, it gives me inspiration and encouragement," said Holmes when he received the Life Achievement Award from

the Pike County Chamber of Commerce in July 2001.

Holmes began his service to Southwest in 1953 when then President H.T. Huddleston lured Holmes from Loyd Star to coach boys' basketball and teach psychology at Southwest. Although he initially planned to stay only one year, Holmes fell in love with Southwest and remained.

He became the dean of men in 1955 while continuing his teaching responsibilities. Then, in 1957 he became assistant to the president without relinquishing any of his other duties. By 1962 Holmes was dean of instruction, a role he continued until July 1, 1972, when he assumed the presidency of Southwest.

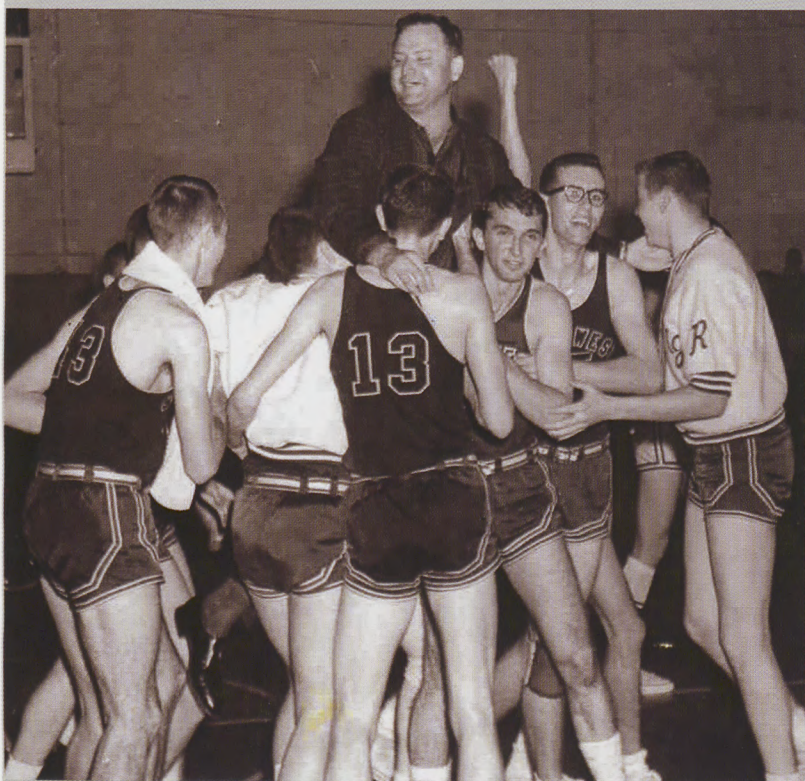
During his tenure the campus grew physically as buildings birthed around the lake, budgets increased to meet its growing pains, and faculty expanded to reach the new Bears.

Friends and colleagues agreed that

Holmes' name is synonymous with SMCC - the school to which he dedicated his adult life and loved dearly.

"He committed his life to that school," said Dr. Oliver Young, who succeeded Holmes as president. "He practically lived his life for that school and for the students. But he was loved by people all across the state. When I call any of the community colleges, and even when I talk to the secretaries, the first thing people want to know is 'how is president Holmes doing?' It's just unbelievable the number of lives that this man has touched throughout southwest Mississippi and the entire state."

Just a daily walk through the majestic pines of this small, proud institution reminds those who knew him of Holmes' dedication to Southwest and love for its students. As we bid farewell to a president, a mentor, and mostly a friend, we remember the immense impact his spirit had on us all. It is in his memory that Southwest continues to build on excellence.



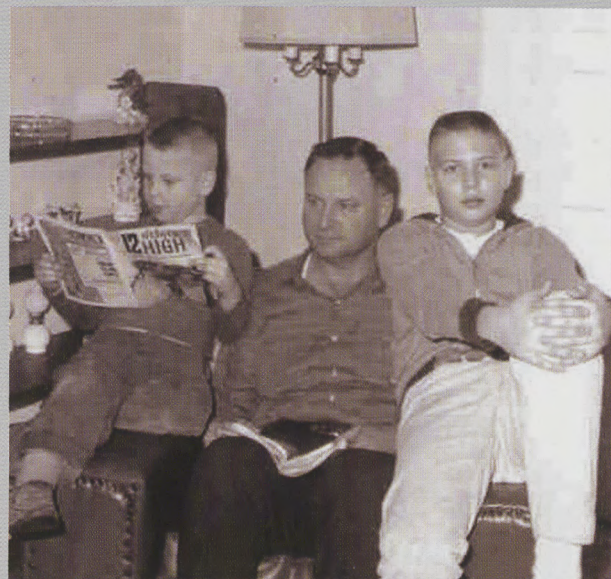
Winning the 1963 state championship, Coach Holmes along with basketball player Oliver Young, number 43 (left, with towel around neck) celebrate their victory against Northwest Mississippi Junior College.
At an outdoor pep rally after the events of September 11, 2001, President Holmes reassures students that a higher power continues to reign in the midst of these tragedies. From his coaching days to his days as president, Horace Holmes positively influenced those around him.

President Horace Holmes 2005



Hanging out with Dad, sons Larry, six years old, and Butch, fourteen years old relax and enjoy "guy" time.
Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, President Holmes and Mrs. Fay Holmes enjoy a reception held in their honor at the First Baptist Church in Summit.

After graduating from Sherman High School in Pontotoc County, Holmes, 18 years old, served 32 months in the U.S. Army Combat Engineers during World War II. For 20 of those months he was in the European theater of operations.

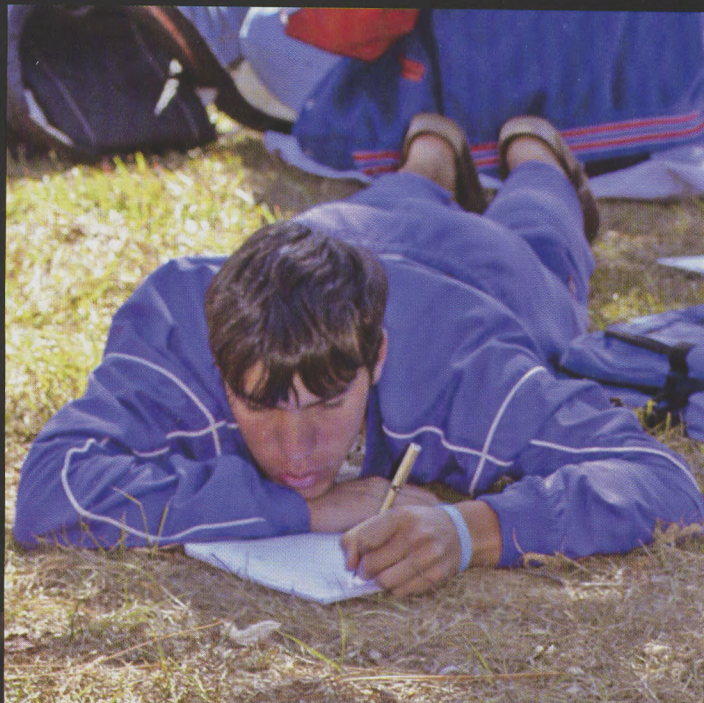


Massage therapy students Heather Clause, Jennifer Dugas, Tory Burkett, and Josh Davis take a spin with instructor Cydnee Russell to check out what's happening around campus during Homecoming week. Tory's "horsing around" was in celebration of Costume Day where students throughout campus dressed up to get into the Homecoming spirit.



With the start of a new academic year beginning, students quickly realized that college life was anything but dull. Activities surrounded them and books beckoned them leading student life to become a juggling act. For many there were activities such as Tailgate Parties, Homecoming, Stage Band Shows, Bear Necessities Day, and Spring Formal that consumed much of their time. These activities coupled with the daily routines of class, homework, family, friends, and jobs kept students scurrying to and fro as they rushed to meet every obligation. From registration in August to graduation in May, student life meant building a busy schedule.

Student Life



Nielsen Chao finds that comfort is the key to writing the perfect essay.

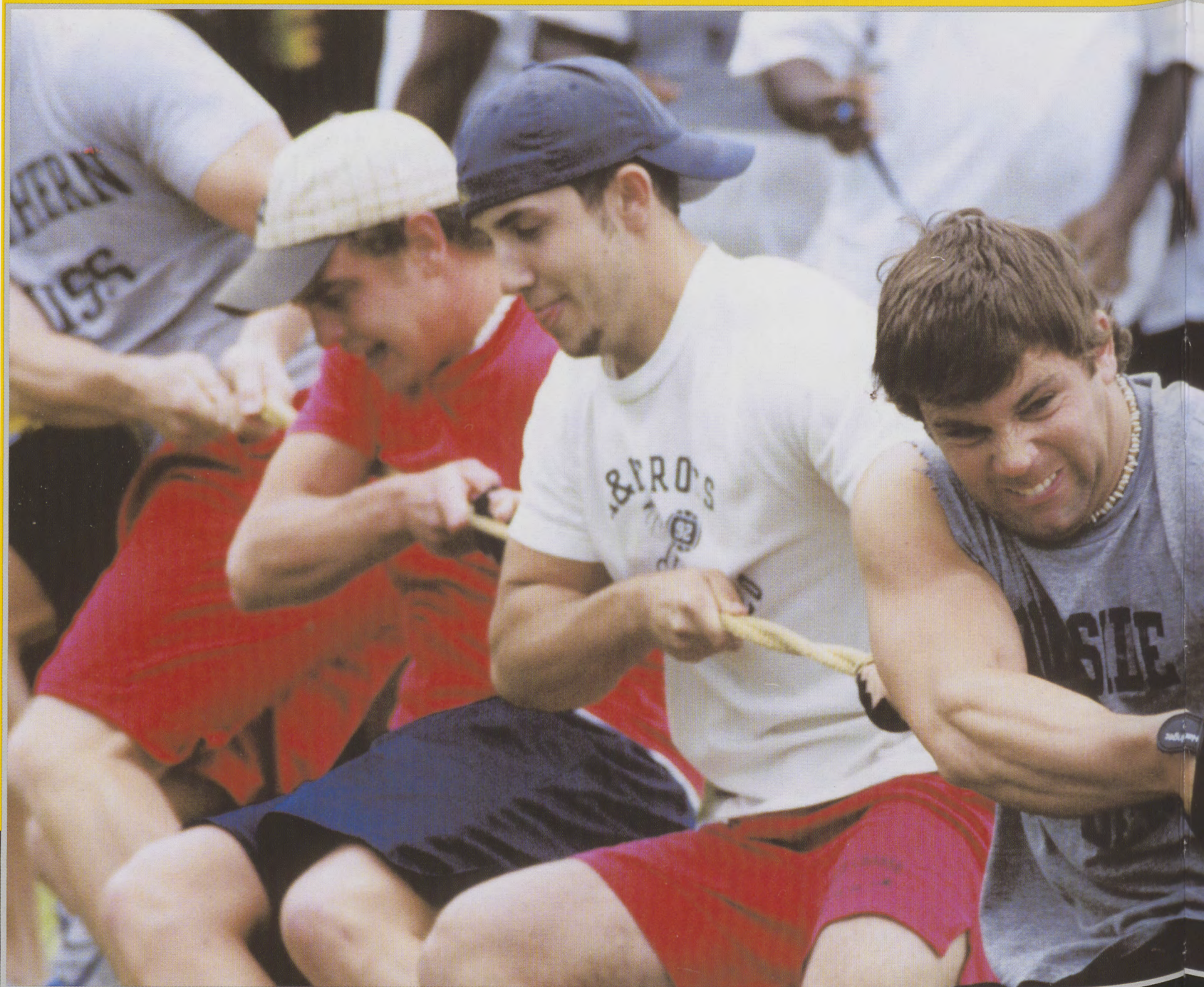


After a busy morning of classes, Darrein Robinson listens to some music while he heads back to the dorm.



Carla Barnes finds a quiet place to study by the lake. Southwest's campus offers many peaceful places to study or to just get away from it all.

The fight is on as Jeremy Freeman, Jeffery Hilderbrand, and Hamilton Robison tug to avoid slipping across the chalked mark.



Men's First Place Winners
James Hall, Jessie Burton, Cameron Hamilton,
Desmond Kinlaw, Glover Quin, Jeremy Pittman,
Quentrelle Green



Men's Second Place Winners
Marcus Bennett, Antron Dillon, Jonathan Byrd, Lakeith Lee, Markus
Crockett, Jerald Alexander, Mandrell Hill



Spring weather and
strong competition
pump up school spirit
on . . .

Bear Necessities Day

Overcast skies and a chill in the air prompted participants to grab a sweat shirt to keep warm but not to give up on the fun still in store during Bear Necessities Day. For one day each spring, students leave the classrooms and gather on the football field with friends and faculty for a day filled with events. In April eager students took to the fields of John I. Hurst Stadium ready for the fun and laughter coupled with grudge matches, pushing, shoving, and competition. Weeks before the big day, participants formed teams and chose captains to compete against fellow Bears.

The one-mile run signaled the beginning of the day's activities, with competitive finishes in the men's and women's races marking the beginning of a competitive day in which victors gained bragging rights.

With tiring legs and throbbing muscles, participants prepared for the highlight of the day, tug of war. The crowd cheered for their favorite men and women teams encouraging participants to pull with all of their might against each other. As the number of contenders narrowed, the intensity widened. High-fives followed erupting cheers when winners drug their opponents across the white-chalked mark. It was truly the survival of the fittest.

With aching, blistered hands and skinned knees, contestants didn't show any signs of giving up. Instead, individual competition intensified as participants traveled to the south end of the field preparing to hurl softballs during the next individual event, the softball throw. With individual winners declared, it was time to refuel with a picnic style lunch.



Women's First Place Winners
Charity Barnes, Tiffany Aych, Eboni Brumfield, Christen Bradford, Krystal Tillman, Shamika Gillmore, Myoshi Pounds, Alisha Lee; kneeling, Michelle Cochran, Yalanda Grady



Women's Second Place Winners
Whitney Tallarico, Barbie Graves, Delanie Brooks, Erika Johnston, Jennifer Morse, Dee Dee Rawls, Brittney Alexander

Bear Competition Builds

With replenished energy from a picnic style lunch and warmer temperatures from a peeking sun, participants and onlookers felt prepared to take on the afternoon challenges, beginning with the truck push.

One by one, teams latched on to the truck's tailgate and sides as they endeavored to push the truck the distance in winning time. Waiting teams watched and plotted their strategies.

Pushing in unison changed to walking in unison as team members paired up for the three-legged race. From tying the string to their ankles to tying the string to their thighs, partners practiced and made adjustments before the whistle blew, yet without synchronized steps, they quickly discovered that it really didn't matter where they had tied the strings.

Of all the events, perhaps the one that was the messiest was the egg toss. No one wanted egg on his/her face, so each took "egg"stra care in watching for the tossed egg.

Throwing with grace turned into spinning with concentration as participants circled a bat and wobbled back to their teammates in the Dizzy Izzy race. Even the most athletic people fell to the ground after spinning ten times and then trying to run.

With only the relay race remaining, many wondered whether or not they could endure, but the teams battled to the bitter end.

Despite aching muscles and tired spirits, participants waited for the results. Even though winning teams earned trophies and recognition, all participants were winners because through these games, these Bears had experienced the essentials of teamwork, respect, acceptance, defeat, victory, and patience which are all attributes that continue to build excellent Bear character.

Fred Jones holds his ground and pulls for his team in tug of war.

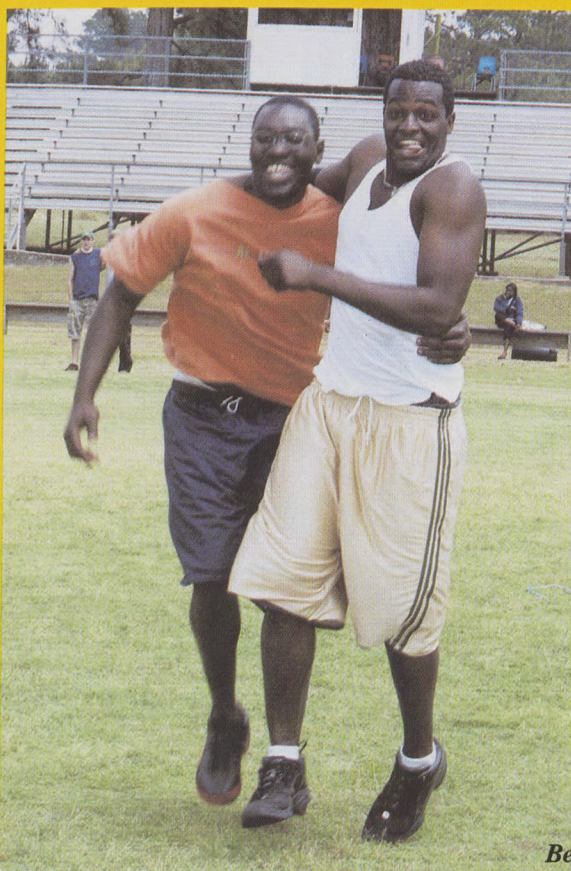


Ashley Sasser, Meredith McMorris, Ginny Dancisin, and Amanda Russell plan their pushing strategy as they take off for the finish line in the truck pushing event.

Charles Haynes, Chase Carmody, Quazendre Veal, Blake Fenn, Aaron Ammons, and Edward Bonaventure dig in to remain the last men standing.

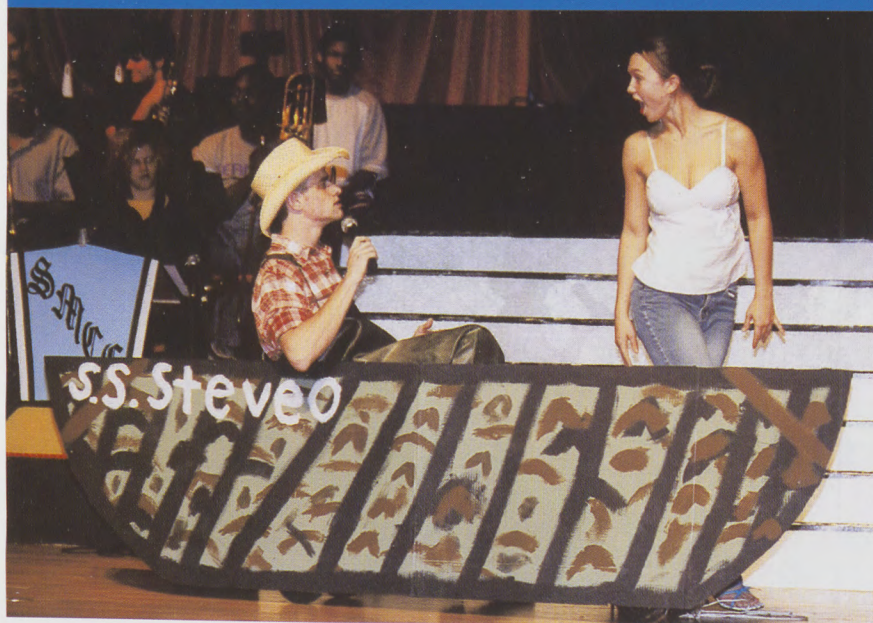


Gwen Anne Crawford tries to overcome the Dizzy Izzy event.



After a tiring morning of competitions and a quick lunch, Brushon Barnes and James Henderson participate in the three-legged race. They both learn quickly that teamwork is the key to this event, as they try to move hastily in unison toward the finish line.

Sean Conerly and Ashley Sasser sing and dance in their performance of "We Are In Love."



Stevie Lott breaks the news to Whitney Tallarico in last year's country hit fishing song "I'm Gonna Miss Her."



With some turns and twists, Cheri Causey and Stevie Lott really know how to "Rock This Town."



Southwest "Rocks
This Town" during
its annual . . .

Spring Stage Band Show

Fun and excitement coupled with the finest musicians, dancers, and vocalists make the Fine Arts Auditorium the place to be each spring during the annual Stage Band Show. On April 21 through April 23, crowds from near and far came to be entertained, and as always, the Stage Band did not let them down.

As the curtain parted, the singers and band "Rocked This Town" with their opening number. The Southwest auditorium came alive with music, dance, and solos and continued to build as vocalist Amanda Russell and the band and dancers performed "Walking on Sunshine."

With the crowd still "Walking on Sunshine," the mood changed to a more serious note as Cody Cameron rendered his vocal talent singing "Live Like You Were Dying." Other soloists that evening included Cheri Causey singing "Who Am I," Stevie Lott performing "I Love You This Much," and an "Unforgettable" duet by Whitney Thompson and Cody Cameron.

The show continued with something to please everyone. The band and singers kept up the pace with the performance "We Are in Love." For 80's fans, there was the band and dancers' performance "Freeze Frame." But, for everyone the final number was a crowd pleaser. This "Country Medley" performance combined country music favorites for everyone to enjoy.

However, singing and dancing were only half the show. . .



Brittney Alexander pumps up the crowd singing the classic country hit "9 to 5" while the stage band vocalists Sean Conerly, Amanda Russell, Brittney Alexander, Ashley Sasser, Cheri Causey, Coretta Johnson, Whitney Thompson, and Stevie Lott perform the show's opening number "Rock This Town."

Members of the rhythm section, Jonathon Morgan, Matt McGuffie, Robert Alford, and Larissa Dixon keep the beat for Cheri Causey as she sings "Who Am I?"



The Night Rocks On

... as stage band members build the crowd's excitement

Stage band singers and dancers wow the crowd with their fancy flying feet and their skilled singing solos, but without the accompaniment of the stage band, the shows would have lacked that touch of live performances. The band not only accompanied vocalists, but it also provided solos of its own including "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," "Opus de Funk," "Jumpin' at the Woodside," and "Brass Machine."

The entertainment continued when the freshman and sophomore steel drum bands took to the stage. With "Ritmo Suave" and "Margaritaville" the sophomore steel drum band gave the crowd a taste of their music favorites while the freshman steel drum band stole the show with "Jump in the Line" and "Steelband Paradise."

Whether crowds preferred dancing, singing, or band, all agreed that the stage band members together build on each other's talent creating performances that leave the crowd counting down the time until the next show.



Sophomore Steel Drum Band member Delanie Brooks follows the notes closely as she plays "Margaritaville."

ey as sh
trumpet players Mathew Scott and Dan Rogers along with trombone players Derrick Allen
and Clarence Smith and saxophone player Kacy Rutland play the stage band solo "Brass
Machine."



Concentrating on playing the right keys, Grant Rainey performs a
keyboard solo during the stage band number "Opus de Funk."



Stacy Rutland, Ben Malpass, and Emily Lambuth run through their Latin steel drum number "Ritmo Suave" one last time
during dress rehearsal.

Traditions change at...

Fall Registration

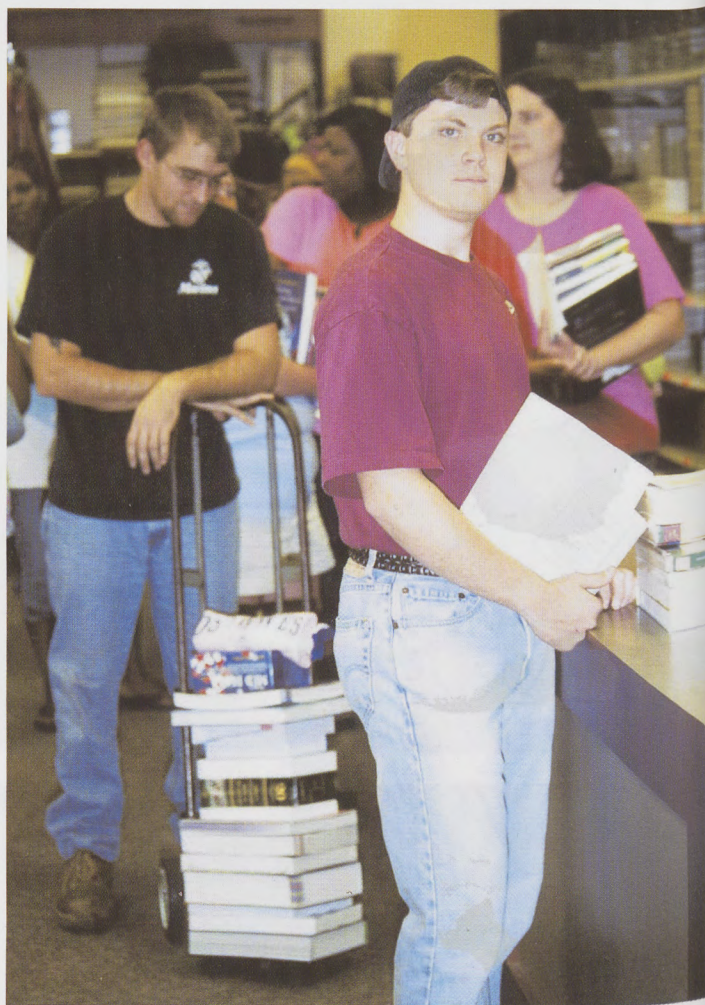
As is tradition at Southwest, record temperatures welcomed long lines of eager faces back from summer break. However, Registration 2005 broke tradition in many ways.

More than 55% of the student body opted to stay out of the heat and avoid the lines by mailing in their registration forms. However, long lines were sometimes unavoidable as these students waited to buy books, receive parking decals, and take pictures for student identification cards.

Even the classes students took broke tradition. On-line classes grew to an all time high replacing the traditional classroom setting. 427 students registered for at least one online course through Southwest, allowing them to take advantage of the newest classroom . . . home. As each semester passed, more and more students became a part of the virtual classroom through on-line classes, an option not available several years ago.

New career choices also marked a sign of the times as two new career-technical programs opened their doors to students. The Medical Billing and Coding program brought thirty new students, and the Massage Therapy program acquired eighteen students to its program.

Southwest students took advantage of the opportunities of mail-in registration, on-line classes, and new career choices proving that in some cases tradition is meant to change. These changes go to show how Southwest continues to build on excellence.

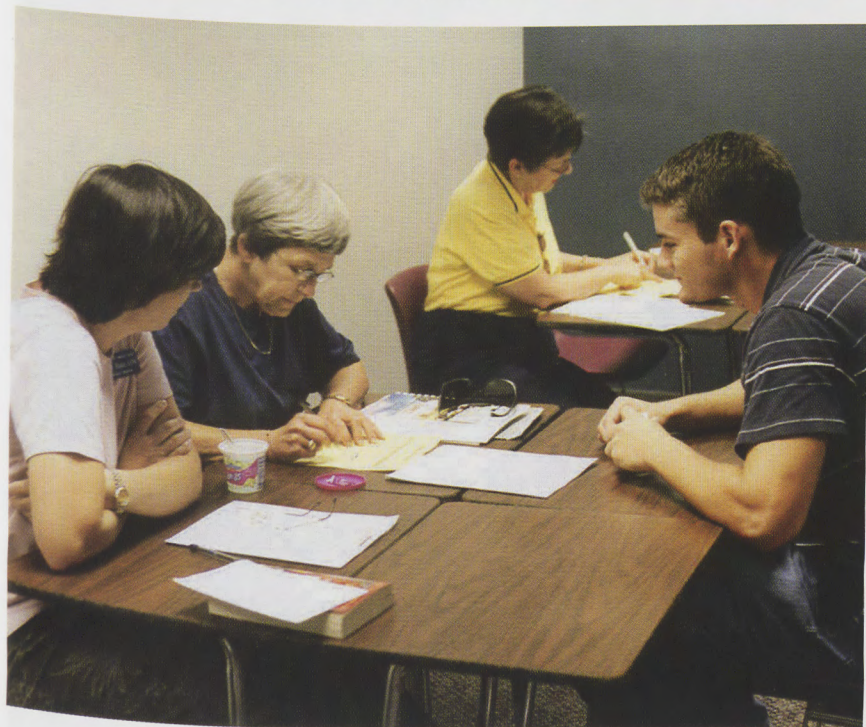


Although many students avoided the long lines to register for classes, many like Jason Ivy still encountered a wait at the bookstore.

Dr. Bishop greets students and eases the anxiety of starting back to school.



Bear Tracker Kayla Ashley types in Gregory Hughes' schedule for the Fall.



Instructors Susan Hedges and Merrielyn Ginn help schedule Josh Brumfield for the Fall semester while instructor Maxine Bierbaum works with freshman Sydni Stone helping her to find the right courses.



Fans meet the team and
enjoy good food at

Bears & Barbeque

With a start to the daily routine of classes, homework, papers, reports, and labs ahead, new and returning students gathered in the stadium to see what else Southwest offered besides a quality education.

Students, parents, and Bear fans watched the Bears scrimmage, cheered with the new cheerleaders, met the Bear mascot, ate a good barbeque meal, and

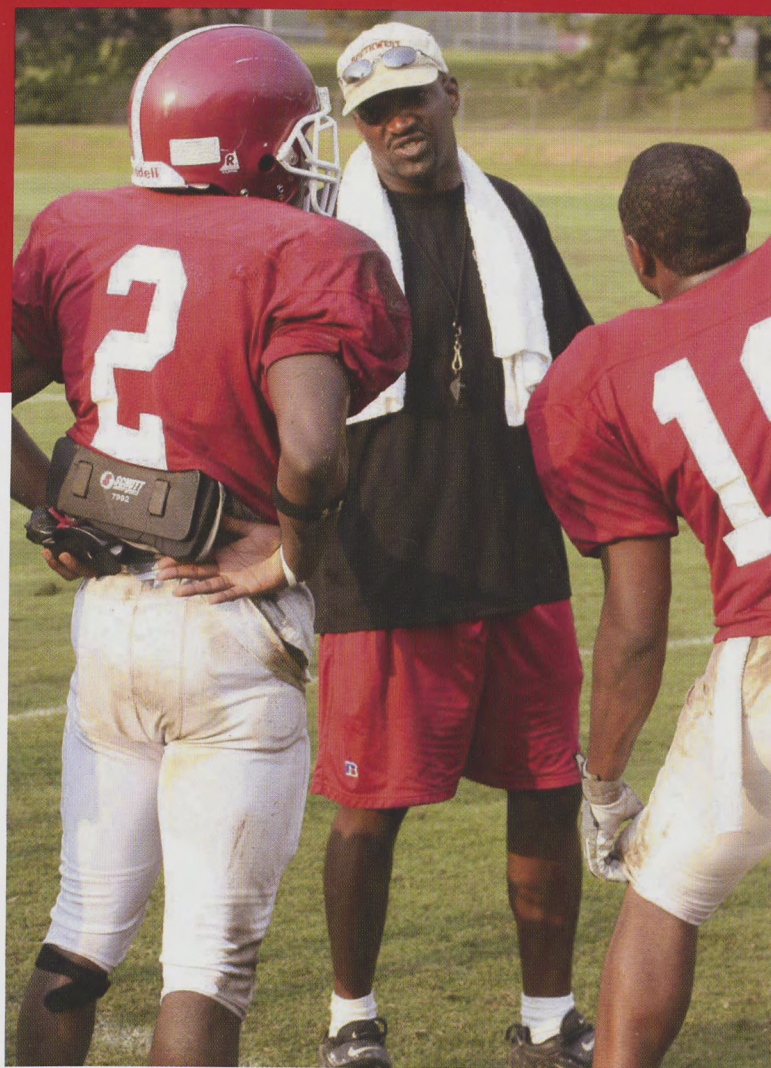
most importantly, gained the opportunity to meet new Bears and to see returning ones.

After weeks of long drills and training, the scrimmage allowed coaches a chance to see their boys in action and refine and devise new plays while players afforded an opportunity to show off their new skills in front of their Bear fans.

For all, it was a chance to see how the upcoming year would build on last year's success. Coaches knew their team's strengths and weaknesses in competition while fans gained a glimpse of the upcoming season and cheerleaders tried out their cheers before a crowd of smiling faces. From the looks of the crowd, 2005-06 was building towards a year of excellence.



Bear Trackers Jamey Matte, Daniel Reid, Gwen Anne Crawford, Elizabeth Whetstone, Kayla Ashley, and Erin Ashley pose for a quick shot before serving the crowd. Bear Trackers help at many SMCC school functions working to recruit new students and assist those already enrolled.



Coach Kenny Miller instructs defensive backs Sam Pope and Ricky Williams before taking the field.

Colby Summers balances Nicole Boyd while she peeps up the crowd.

Welcome back to
Southwest for ...

Homecoming 2005

Days were counting down and excitement was building campus wide as Southwest geared up for Homecoming '05.

Throughout the week students, faculty, and personnel celebrated the return of former students and alumni to Bear Country by dressing each day in "traditional" homecoming attire. The week began on a "tacky" note with Monday being Mix Match day; Tuesday was Camouflage Day. Participants dressed in a variety of ways for Wednesday's Costume Day; Thursday was Spirit Day, and Friday Southwest fans celebrated Homecoming week by wearing their Homecoming T-shirts.

Along with all of the excitement homecoming week brought, students also enjoyed a "Night in Paradise" at the annual homecoming dance. The event, which required weeks of planning, ordering supplies, and last-minute decorating, was a complete success.

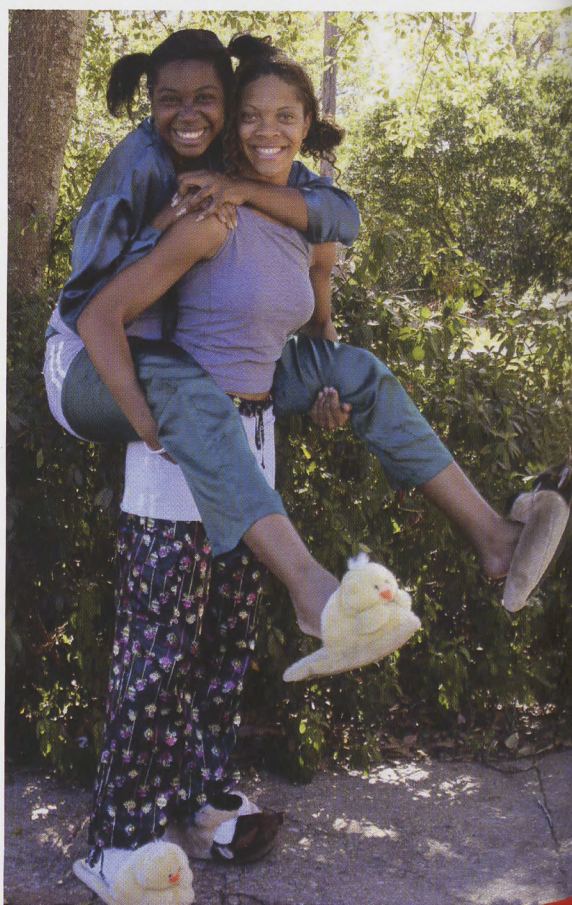
To get everyone in the homecoming spirit, displays created by various organizations adorned the campus and dorm residents got into the spirit decorating their dorm doors.

A homecoming pep rally really pumped up Southwest fans. Held between the H.T. Huddleston Vocational-Technical Building and the Horace C. Holmes Student Union Building, the pep rally fired up the football team and fans as they anticipated their approaching game against Itawamba.

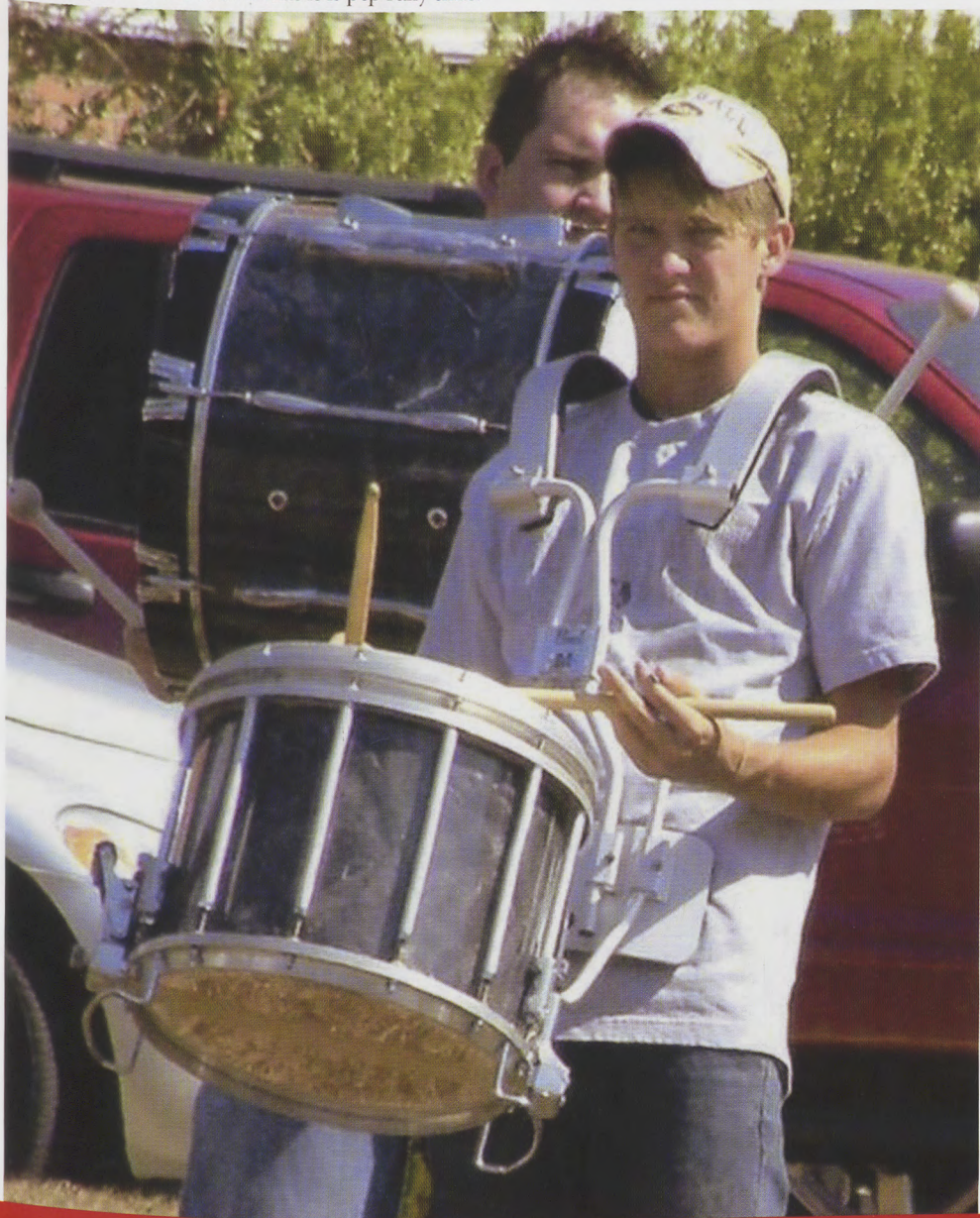
On Friday, the day before Homecoming Day, an abundance of activities continued building the excitement on campus.

Although the school week was coming to an end, the real fun was just beginning as Saturday morning introduced Homecoming Day.

Getting into the Homecoming spirit, Krystal Singleton and Regina Walker dress up for Mix Match Day.



Drummers Mike Graves and Chad Schell wait for their cue to begin playing. The sound of the drums always signals to the crowd that it is pep rally time.



The cheerleaders cheer on the Bears while Beth Holder-Cummings shows her spirit dressing up on Costume Day.



Lasha Reid and Nicole Odom kick off Homecoming week dressing tacky for Mix Match day.



Dorm residents Lauren McGinnis and Linzee McGinnis decorate their door for the Homecoming door decorating contest. Linzee and Lauren, along with suite mates Brittany Spears and Whitney Thompson won first place in the contest.

The library staff greets everyone on campus with their new banner.

During the Alumni Banquet, Jamey Matte is presented with a \$1,000 Art Scholarship from the Southwest Mississippi Art Guild. The money was raised through an auctioning of the exhibit "Art in the Round."



With mom Jennifer McLaughlin cheering her on, four-year old Emily McLaughlin runs for the finish line in the one-mile fun run on Homecoming morning. Emily won first place in her division finishing a mile in twelve minutes and thirty-one seconds.



Runners take their mark as they get ready for the annual 5K walk/run that began Homecoming Day '05.

Queen Ginny Dancisin poses with fellow cheerleaders Colby Summers, Barrett Wallace, Corey Smith, Corey Granger, and Nathan Pierce before she is officially crowned as Homecoming Queen.



Southwest bustles with activities from morning to night on . . .

Homecoming Day

After a fun-filled week of activities, Homecoming Day arrived. Many alumni traveled hundreds of miles to reminisce and visit with friends while others ventured only minutes away from home to return to the fertile soils of Southwest that nurtured and grew friendships and lasting relationships so many years ago. For students, faculty, and personnel, Homecoming opened the door to welcome those to the beautiful campus and begin a day full of festivities.

A 5K walk/run started the day's

events. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., area participants lined up and headed off either in a dash, fast walk, or stroll for the finish line. Awards went to the overall best male and female and to the top times in each age group, so none were excluded.

A one-mile fun run followed at 9:00. Participants received ribbons for their efforts, and trophies went to the top male and female and top times in each age group. The day began with everyone feeling like a winner!

Later in the day the campus bustled with activities. Visitors had

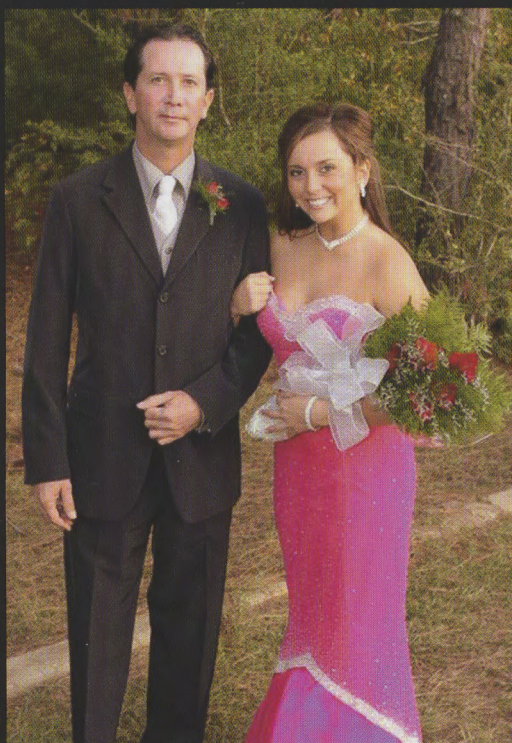
opportunities to tour dorms and newly renovated buildings on campus, view and bid on art displayed in the library, reunite with other alumni at a reception, enjoy a home cooked meal at the Alumni Banquet, award Alumni of the Year, Sports Hall of Fame, and Distinguished Alumni winners, watch the coronation of the Queen and her Court, and of course cheer for the Bears as they took on Itawamba.

Overall, Homecoming '05 built new memories and rekindled old ones, leaving the spirit of Southwest in each of its visitors.

Homecoming Court 2005



Freshman Maid
Robin Adams



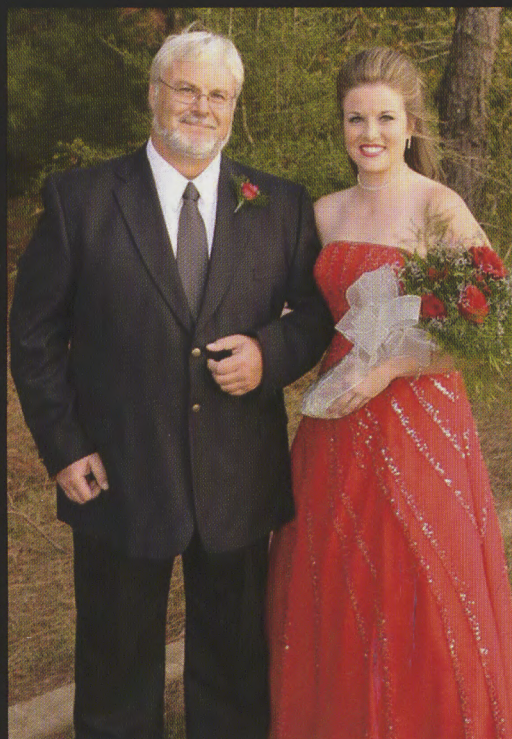
Freshman Maid
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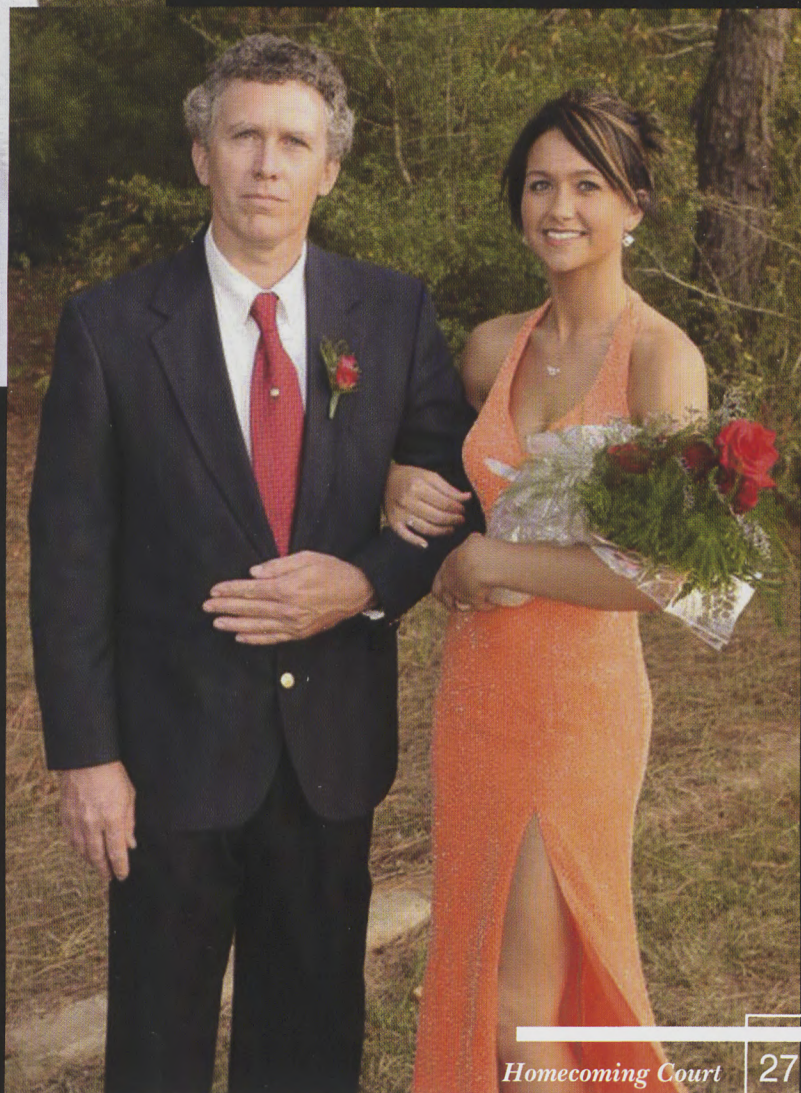


Flower Girl **Crown Bearer**
Sydney Greer **Hogan Ross**



Homecoming Queen
Ginny Dancsisin

Student Body Maid
Whitney Tallarico



With the crowning of the Queen and her Court and the football game against Itawamba, no one could forget . . .

Homecoming Night '05

Homecoming night arrived with a crowd full of fans eager to see what the night had in store. The evening began with the formal introduction of Homecoming Queen Ginny Dancisin and her Maids. Escorted across the field, the Maids watched as Homecoming Queen '04, Erin Graves, officially crowned Ginny Dancisin as Homecoming Queen 2005. Although the crowning ceremonies had ended, the action continued as the Southwest Bears charged on to the field. The stadium roared with excitement, and fans were filled with anticipation as our team took on the Itawamba Indians.

The game began with Southwest in the lead. With 13:57 left in the second quarter, Edger Givens' 41-yard touchdown reception from Fred Jones and Tucker

Hoge's PAT gave the Bears a 7-0 lead.

But the Indians came back on the Bears reeling off ten unanswered points. By the half, Southwest trailed 10-7.

After the half, the Bears received the kickoff and drove 65 yards in ten plays. Sam Reed capped the drive with a five-yard scoring run up the middle. Things were looking up for the Bears as they led 13-10 at the 11:01 mark of the third quarter.

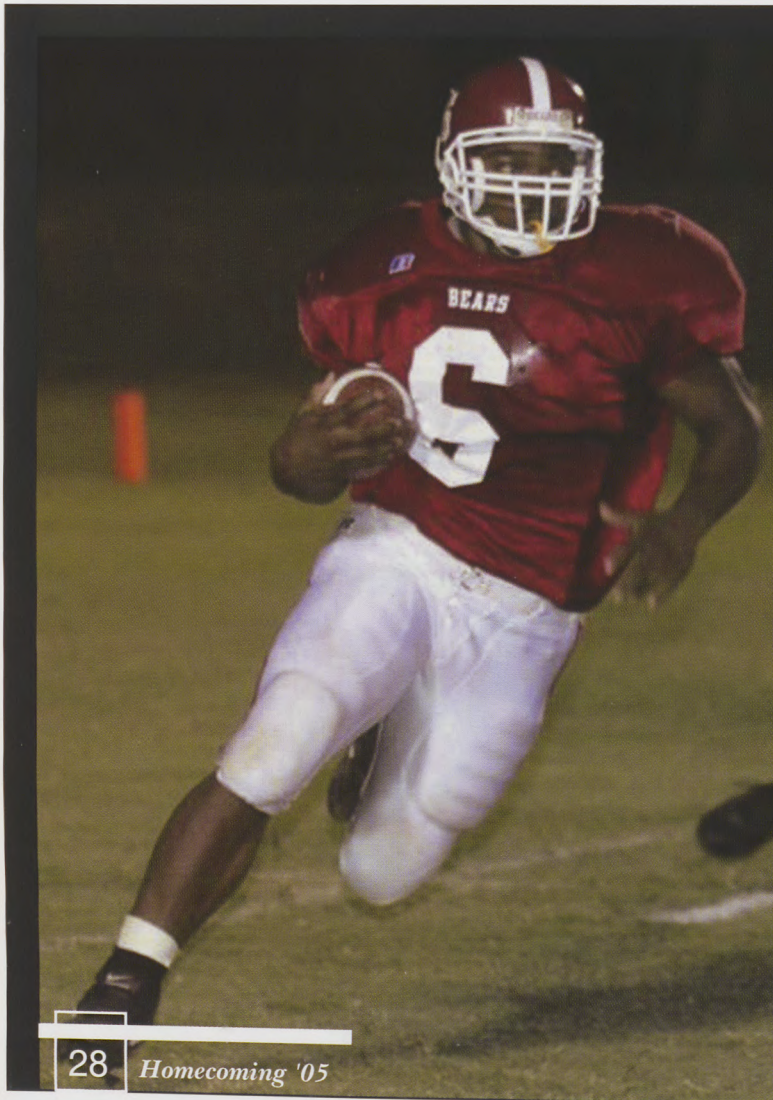
Southwest carried the three-point lead into the final quarter, but faltered. With sixteen seconds gone in the fourth quarter, the Indians took the lead back at 17-13.

"We were a better team, but our minds were not on football tonight," said head coach Dom Green.

Despite the Bears' hard work, the game ended in a 24-13 loss.

The loss on the field was the culmination of a week of festivities, but no one viewed any part of the week as a loss. Organization members gained new memories and friendships as they decorated for the homecoming dance or erected homecoming displays. The 5K participants carried trophies and ribbons home to mount in prominent places. The Homecoming Court received notoriety. And returning alumni renewed old friendships and rekindled that flame for Southwest. For all, Homecoming 2005 had built memories and a love for their home in Bear country.

Running back Rantonio McCray runs to gain yardage while Brittany Spears and Becky White perform with the flag line during the half-time show.



CHARGE! The Bears storm the field ready to take on the Itawamba Indians on Homecoming night.



Nathan Pierce, Colby Summers, Daniel Owen, and Barrett Wallace keep spirits high cheering on the Bears against the Itawamba Indians.

Performing during the Homecoming half-time show, Dale Brumfield, Jennifer McKissick, and Jennifer Dowell keep in tune.



The celebration continues as
Southwest honors its alumni
during . . .

Homecoming 2005

Returning alumni and friends experienced an equally busy Homecoming. The festivities began Saturday with a golf scramble hosted by Southwest's basketball teams, and a 5K run/walk and a one mile fun run. Later in the day an alumni reception and banquet brought honorees together for a time to fellowship and reminisce about their days as students.

For eight honorees, Alma McCullough Boyd, Paul Ott Carruth, Colonel J. K. Stringer, Jr., Frank Beck, Curtis Crenshaw, Jerry Johnson, Larry Restucher, and Norman Soulis the highlight of their evening occurred during the banquet where Alumnus of the Year Alma McCullough Boyd and Distinguished Alumni Paul Ott Carruth and Colonel J. K. Stringer joined Sports Hall of Famers, Frank Beck, Curtis

Crenshaw, Jerry Johnson, Larry Restucher, and Norman Soulis as the newest inductees.

Alumnus of the Year recipient Alma McCullough Boyd graduated from SMCC in 1939 and went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her Post Graduate study included Psychological Testing, Linguistics and Learning, and AAA certification in Reading and in Supervision and Administration.

As a teacher, Boyd taught on all levels and was an elementary principal. For sixteen years she was Reading Supervisor for McComb Public Schools.

She has also instructed courses at Mississippi State University Extension Center, University of Southern Mississippi Extension Center and served as consultant in staff development after

her retirement.

For ten years, Boyd was a Reading instructor at Southwest Mississippi Community College. She also has been a volunteer tutor at North Pike Elementary School.

She has numerous other honors including 4-H Club Leader awards, Woman of Achievement Award in the Arts by Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International Reading Association Certificate of Appreciation for achievement as State Coordinator, and WAPF's "Mother of the Year."

Several of her reports and studies have been published in The Mississippi Reading Journal, and the McCullough Visual Discrimination Test was used for many years in the McComb schools.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church of the Pricedale community, she has made mission trips to Romania and



President Oliver Young poses with alumni award winners Frank Beck, Alma McCullough Boyd, Colonel J. K. Stringer, Larry Restucher, Jerry Johnson, Curtis Crenshaw and Paul Ott Carruth.



Distinguished Alumnus

Paul Ott Carruth



Alumnus of the Year

Alma McCullough Boyd



Distinguished Alumnus

Colonel J. K. Stringer, Sr.

served in many leadership roles, including being on the executive board of the Pike County Baptist Association.

Paul Ott Carruth, better known as Paul Ott was honored as Distinguished Alumnus. Ott began his conservation work as a volunteer over twenty-five years ago when he led the fight to help save forty Mississippi Sandhill Cranes from extinction in the 1970's.

He co-wrote, produced, sang, and filmed six original 60-second radio and TV spots about water quality, air quality, strip mining, ocean dumping, endangered wildlife, and planting trees. Over the past twenty years, these award-winning spots have run in behalf of conservation in each of the fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

In addition, he has appeared personally on radio and television shows, and before many legislative bodies, in behalf of environment and wildlife conservation.

Paul Ott has reached over one million school children in personal appearances, often being called the modern day "Johnny Appleseed," planting the message of working together for a better

world. His song "Plant a Tree" won the prestigious Arbor Day Award.

He has performed at all fifty state-level conventions in agriculture, wildlife and environmental conferences, for three U.S. Presidents, and joint sessions of Legislature in six states.

His original wildlife conservation album, produced in 1970 when he was radio and TV director for the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, has recently been inducted into the Smithsonian Institute. To the tourist industry, he is the "Voice of the South" and currently hosts his own live, call-in radio show entitled "Listen to the Eagle."

Born in McComb, MS, in 1934, Paul Ott graduated from Southwest in 1954 and the University of Southern Mississippi in 1956. He is married to Lynda Carruth, and they have five children and ten grandchildren.

Colonel J. K. Stringer, Jr. currently serves as Executive Director/State Fiscal Officer of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration.

He is responsible for the management of the state's budget of \$11 billion annually. Other duties include assisting development of the Governor's budget

recommendation, which provided the management of the state and school employees' health and life insurance program, and administering tort claims and medical malpractice insurance programs.

Previously, he was Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, where he formulated and executed workforce policies, practices, and procedures for the state government workforce of 33,000.

For thirty years he was in the United States Marine Corps, where he directed the Budget Office and supervised all fiscal operations of the Marine Corps.

Serving two combat tours in Vietnam, he won the Legion of Merit with Gold Star and the Bronze Star. In 2003 he received the "Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Leadership Award" presented by the National Association of State Personnel Executives.

Upon graduation from Southwest, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Southern Mississippi and a master of science degree at Naval Postgraduate School.

A native of Summit, MS, he is married and has four children.

The celebration continues as Southwest honors its Sports Hall of Fame recipients at ...

Homecoming 2005

Sports Hall of Fame inductee Frank Fulton Beck was a letterman on Southwest's undefeated Mississippi Junior College championship team of '58-'59 and the following year was a member of the Mississippi Junior College All-Conference Team. During his sophomore year, he was named Most Outstanding Athlete at Southwest.

After graduation, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education as well as a master's of education and education specialist degree in administration and supervision.

In 1960-62 he attended Louisiana College on a football scholarship. While there he was named Outstanding Lineman and Most Valuable Player.

A native of Auburn, Mississippi, Beck served in the United States Marine Corps after college. During his teaching career, he coached football and track for fifteen years in Florida and North Carolina.

For five years he was associate professor of education at a Methodist college; presently, he is self-employed and lives in Stedman, North Carolina.

The second inductee is Curtis A. Crenshaw. As quarterback on the undefeated 1958 team, he was also Team Captain and All-Conference for the 1958 season.

Upon graduation from Southwest, he received a scholarship to the University of Alabama and played on the undefeated 1961 National Championship Team coached by Bear Bryant. He was game captain twice during his senior year.

He has been in real estate or related business since 1964 and belongs to the International Council of Shopping Centers. He was Founder and on the Board of Directors for the First and Ten Club of Alabama. In addition, he was selected by the University of Alabama to serve on the board and planning committee for the Paul Bryant Museum in Tuscaloosa.

He currently resides in Clearwater, Florida.

Inductee Jerry Johnson, a native of Tylertown, MS, played baseball and

football at SMCC in 1958-59. He was a pitcher and third baseman and in 1959 was All-State Defensive Player of the Year in football.

After graduation from Southwest, he played Division I football at Trinity University in Texas and was named Defensive Player of the Year, Texas Defensive Player of the Week, and Co-Captain. At Delta State University in 1964, he was Co-Captain and Defensive Player of the Year.

Johnson coached high school football for fifteen years, including a stint as head coach at Ruston High School in Louisiana. While there, he organized the school's first Letterman's Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also helped develop a Big Eight Championship team under coach Sammy Howard at Yazoo City High School.

At Stone County, he coached two teams that advanced to the state championship game. In 1971 he was a graduate assistant coach at Delta State University.

As a principal in Harrison County, he led his school to the first Level 5 designation in the district and mentored three future principals. Now retired, he resides in Biloxi, MS, where he is in Jaycees and Kiwanis clubs.

Sports Hall of Famer Larry Restucher was an All-State and All-American member of the 1958 undefeated football team at Southwest.

Upon graduation, he played two years for Louisiana College. Then he signed a professional contract with the Houston Oilers, a team now known as the Tennessee Titans.

He has been a teacher and coach in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida. He earned his master's in education degree from Nicholls State University in 1991.

Born in Pensacola, Florida, he attended high school in Moss Point, Mississippi. Besides teaching, he was also a businessman in West Palm Beach, Florida. He presently resides in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Norman Soulis is the last Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Soulis played football at Southwest. In 1958 he was Most Outstanding Athlete and captain of the Mississippi Junior College All-Conference team.

He was also Most Valuable Lineman and Junior College All-American.

In 1959-60, he was Most Valuable Lineman at Louisiana College. The following year he was captain of the football team.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Louisiana College, a master's degree at Louisiana Tech University, and did additional study at Louisiana Tech.

Now residing in Minden, Louisiana, Soulis is a member of the Civitan Club and Quarterback Club.



President Young visits with incoming Alumni Association President, James Brumfield, Pike County Supervisor, Venton Ray Adams, Virginia Burris, and Doris Vaccarella at the Alumni Reception.



Sports Hall of Fame
Frank Beck



Sports Hall of Fame
Curtis Crenshaw



Sports Hall of Fame
Jerry Johnson



Sports Hall of Fame
Larry Restucher



Sports Hall of Fame
Norman Soulis

Voting for class officers, giving blood, and worshipping together are only a few of Southwest's

Campus Events

Throughout the year the campus bustled with activities. With classes, sports, stage band performances, homecoming events, pep rallies, and student elections, students learned early on that student life meant a busy life. While these events captured campus attention, other activities caught campus participation on a smaller scale. From these events, students gathered a complete outlook of campus life and all the many events it had to offer.

Each week students had chances to do something different, whether it was to vote for class officers or to give blood, students could find many areas in which to participate.

The religious organizations on campus gathered students, administrators, and faculty in front of the Horace C. Holmes Student Union for praise, prayer, and worship. See You At the Pole (SYATP) welcomed all denominations of faith.

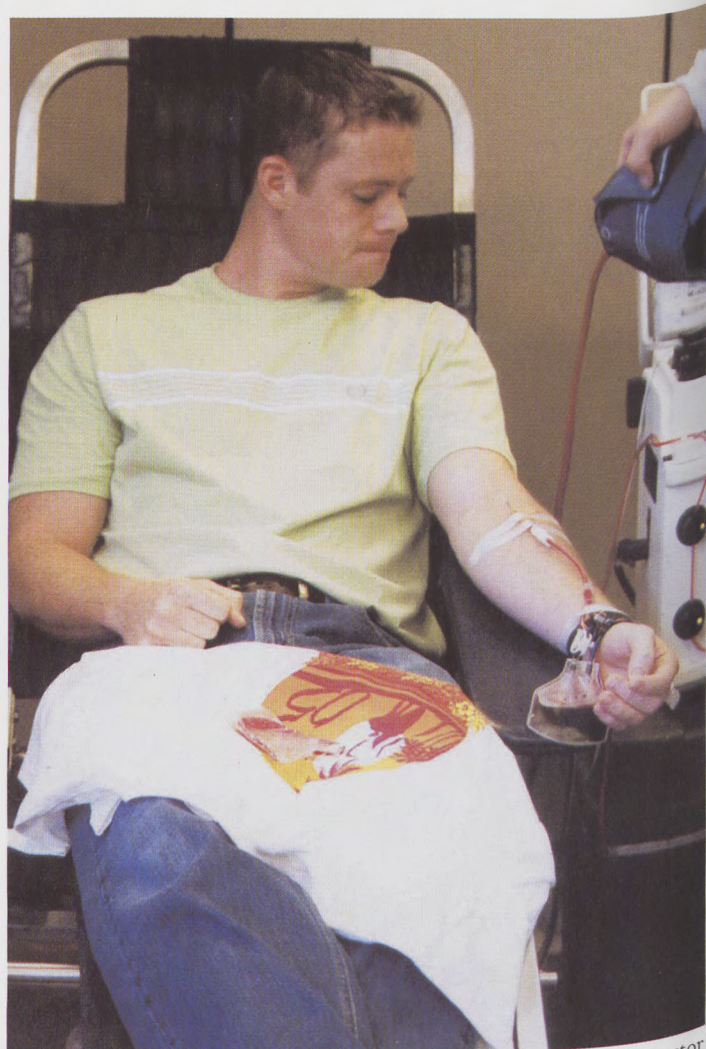
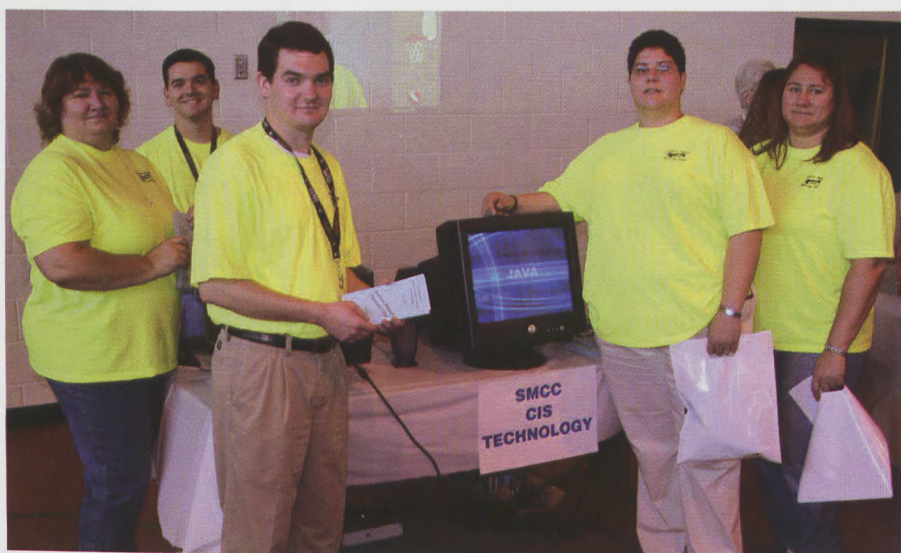
The Student Government Association sponsored several

campus blood drives so that donors could give the gift of life to others. In scarce supply, blood of all types was needed, so students, faculty, and staff freely gave.

In October, witches, gypsies, and goblins roamed the campus as children from the Child Care Center paraded through the Administration building and Kenna Hall.

The Career Fair attracted many visitors to the Southwest campus. Colleges, health care facilities, military personnel, and businesses set up booths and answered questions from Southwest students and district seniors. The Career Fair afforded area students a chance to get a better view of Southwest and the job opportunities or senior colleges that await them after graduating from Southwest.

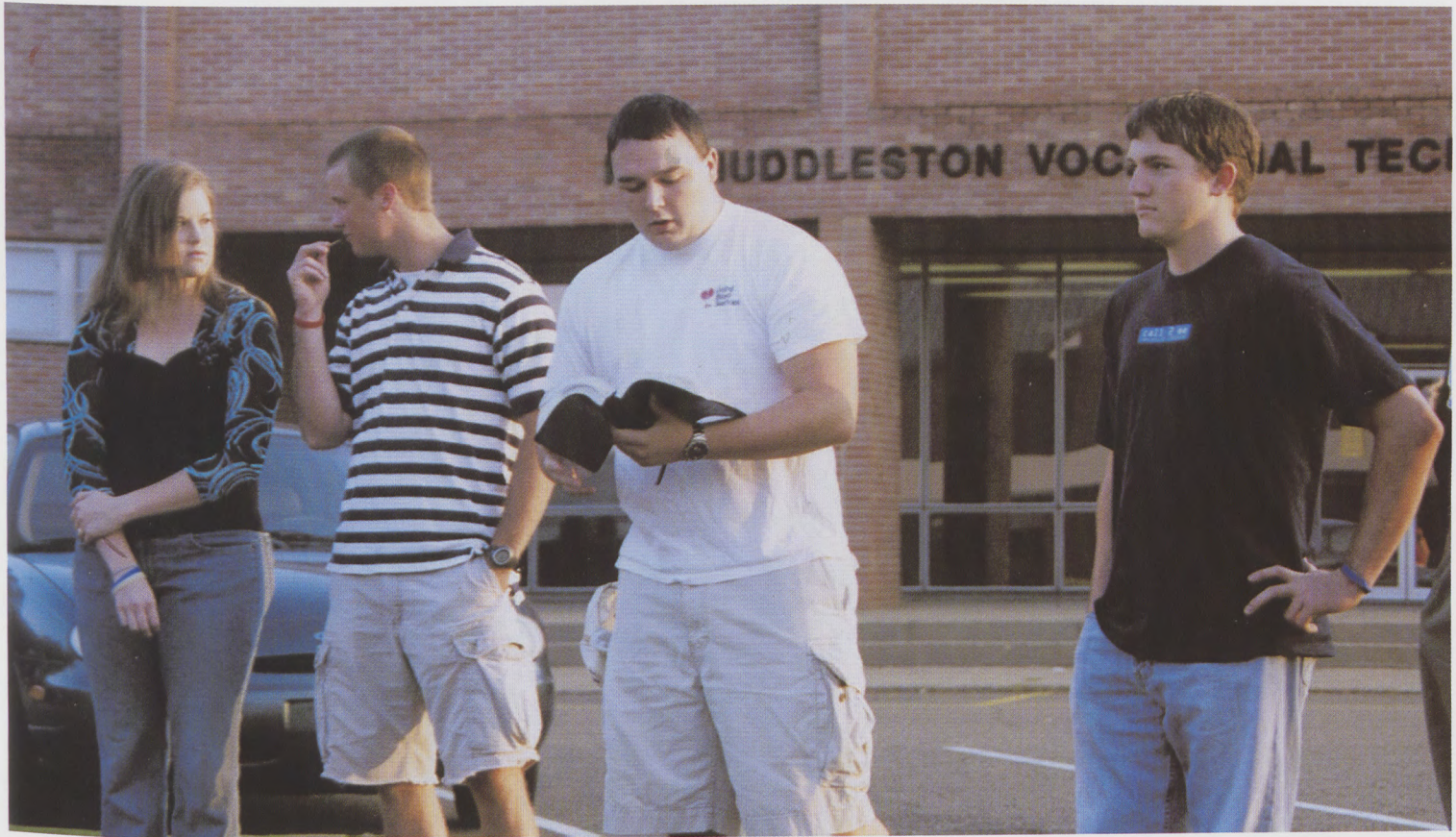
Each week brought about new events and built on the excitement of experiencing the hustle and bustle of college life.



Child Development students April Hodges, Tamara Greene, instructor Carol Ann McMorris, Chervantis Wilks, and April Smith along with CIS Technology students Rusty Adams, Vivian Graves, instructor Colter Cotten, Amanda Dardar, and Lisa Cook tell others about their programs at the Career Fair.

Jason Carter shows no fear as he donates blood at the year's first campus blood drive.

Lauren McGinnis, Stephen Bryant, Grant Rainey, and Brian Rhodus join together in prayer at SYATP. Grant Rainey presented the devotional for the event.



Each October, little munchkins roam campus in search of goodies. These children attended the Child Development program on campus.

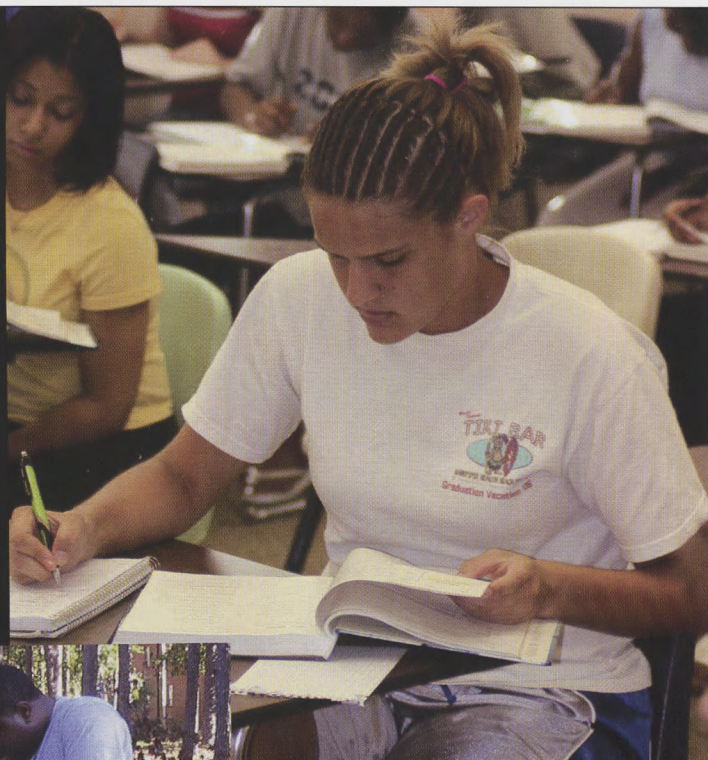
Laura LaGrone and Travis Nylin prepare soft drinks for Career Fair visitors like Traci Berryhill.

Dejarell Coney listens as instructor Dawn Brumfield helps Cabis Dillon with his thesis statement for his descriptive essay. With scenery as beautiful as Southwest's campus, these students have plenty to describe.

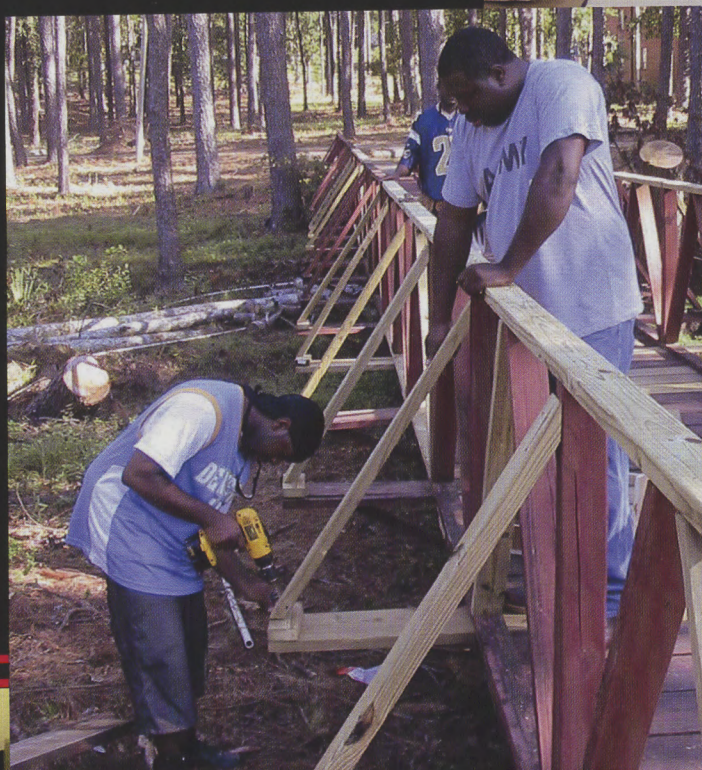


Building toward a degree, students learned early that Southwest was about earning a good education. Whether working on an AA for academic graduates or an AS for technical graduates, students scurried from one side of campus to the other with one main focus - getting to class. Classrooms, laboratories, or shop settings functioned as focal points of learning. From studies of their ancestors in American history or psychology, beginning freshmen tasted college classes for the first time. Seasoned sophomores had no difficulty getting back into the groove of study, time management, and discipline as they sought to complete their final semesters at Southwest before moving on to senior college or to the workplace. Whether a freshman or sophomore or career-technical or academic student, Southwest students strived to build their educational foundation for a better future.

Academics



Joellen Juhasz takes notes and follows along in the text as instructor Debra Reeves demonstrates the order of operations in an algebraic equation.

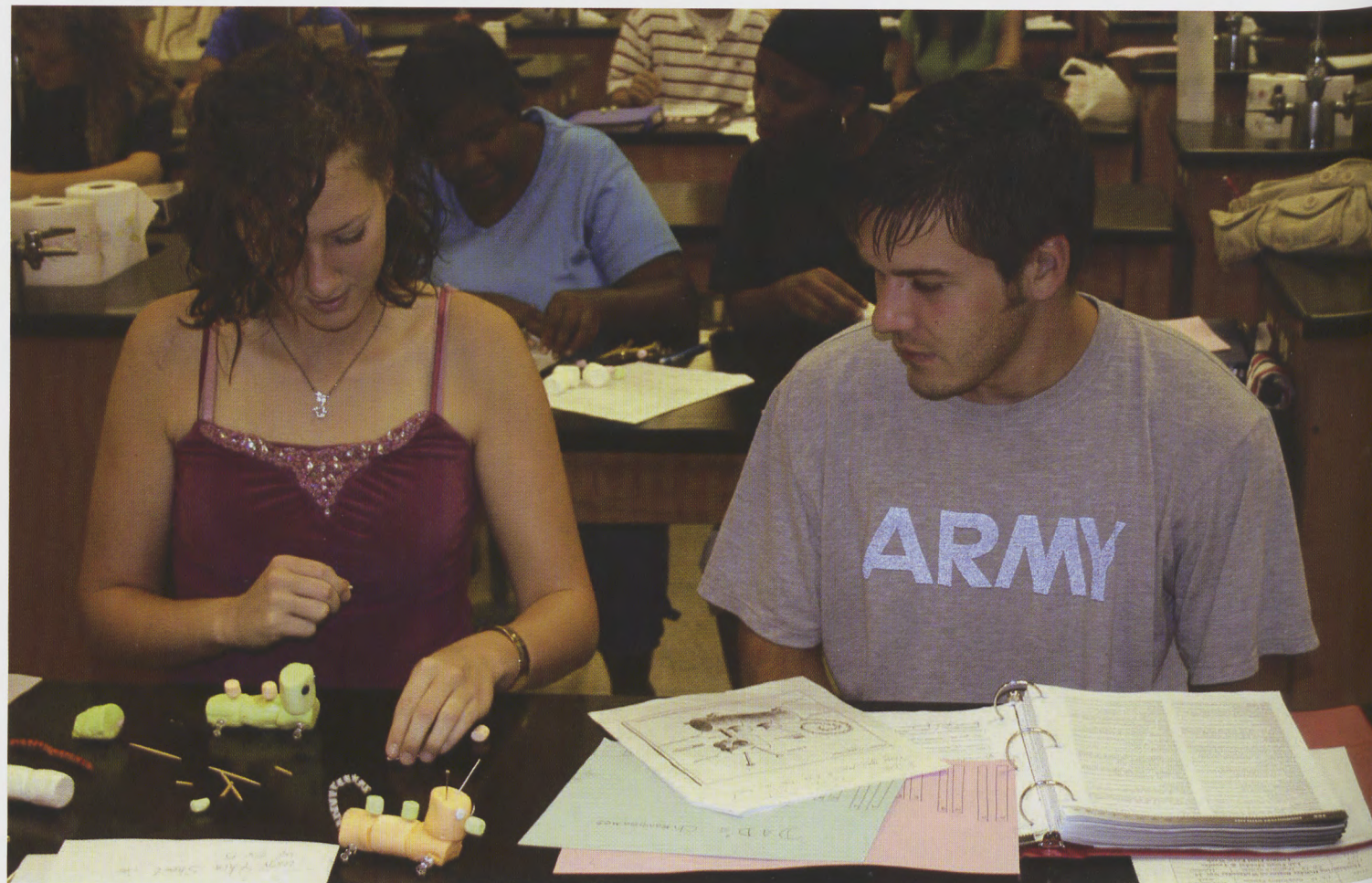


Residential Carpentry students Michael Anazia and Ed Arbuthnot make repairs to the wooden bridge damaged by Katrina's winds and falling trees. These students, under the direction of instructor Joseph Cornacchione, also built a new concession stand for the school.



Josh Jones and Zack Johnston view slides in Amelia Yawn's Principles of Biology I class.

Donald Meyn watches as Kendall Stratton builds her baby "reebop" during Amelia Yawn's biology lab. By creating these little marshmallow critters, students explored genetics and raised a "reebop" marshmallow family.



Academics

**Associate Degree Nursing • Humanities •
Mathematics/Science • Social Sciences**

Academic divisions
prepare students to build
a future in a demanding
world

Academic and career-technical comprise the two major divisions of classes on campus. Students even earn separate degrees, AA for academic graduates or AS for technical graduates, making clear distinctions between the two. However, career-technical and academics cross inside classrooms as students from both areas work together on projects.

The majority of students enrolled in academics complete general education courses and earn two years credit at an affordable cost before transferring to a

four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree. However, in the Associate Degree Nursing program after completing one year of pre-requisites and gaining acceptance into the nursing program, students could emerge graduates after only two years.

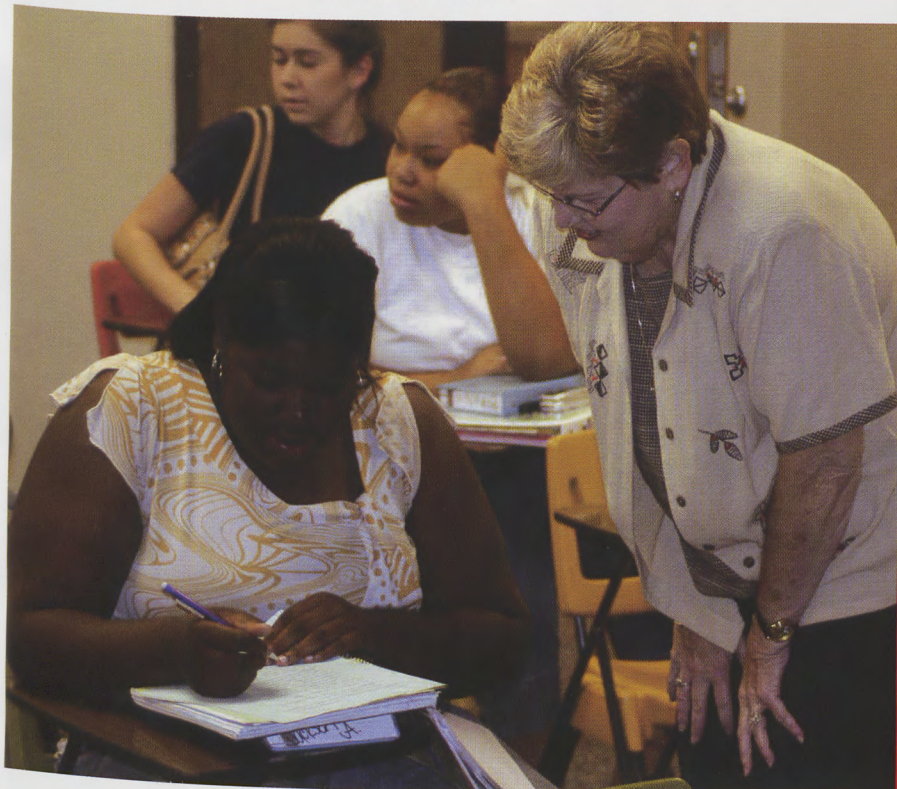
The humanities division encompassed subjects concerned with human thought and culture. Although all students could enroll in any of the humanities, Honors Forum consisted of students who received invitations to join. As a group, these students learned

characteristics and qualities of effective leaders.

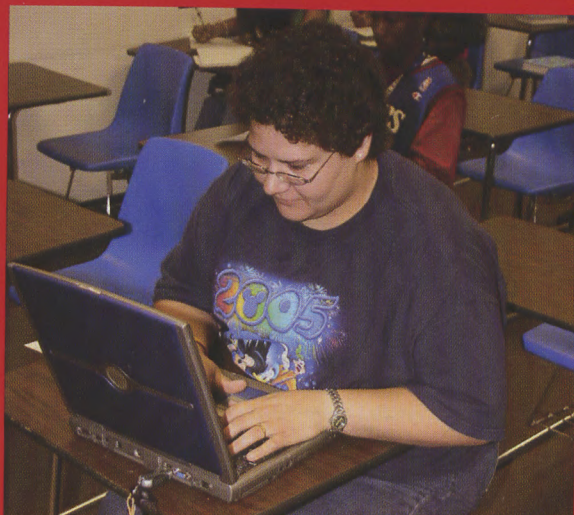
Studies in mathematics and sciences proved the most challenging for most students. In addition to time in lecture and lab, students devoted hours to studying outside the classroom in hopes of grasping pertinent concepts.

Through the social sciences students learned more about themselves as individuals and groups. Students built upon their past knowledge and learned more as they took classes in each of these four divisions.

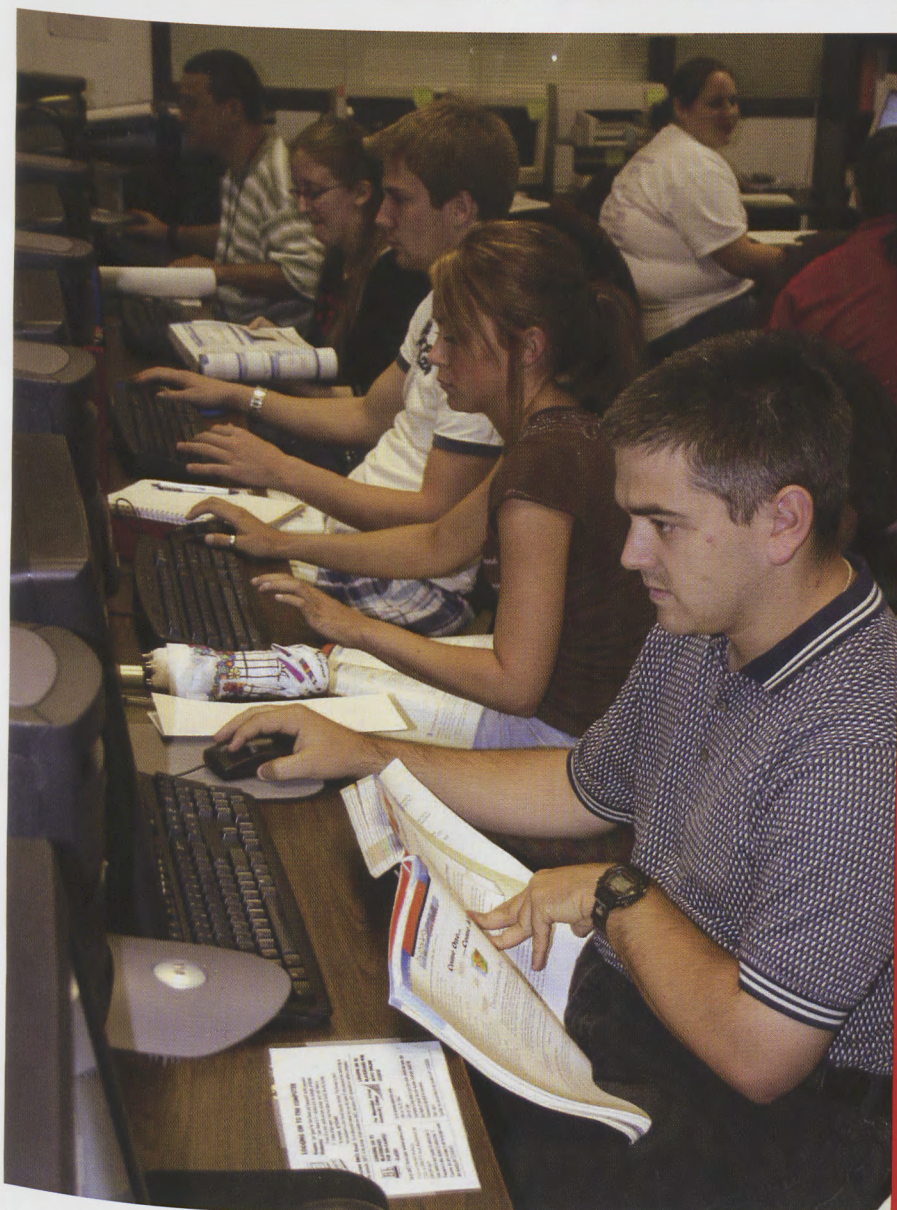
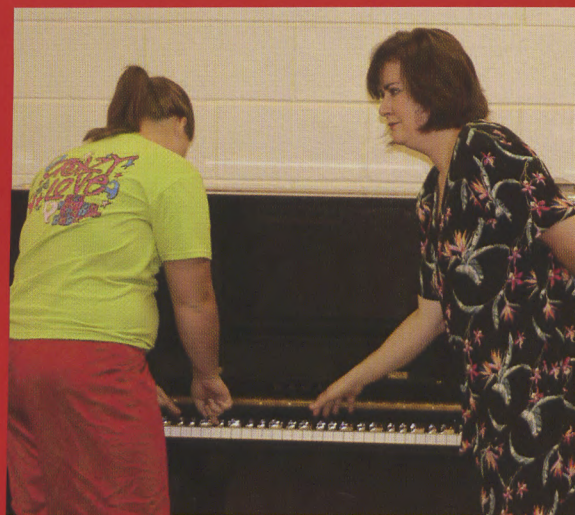
Ashley Jackson asks instructor Maxine Bierbaum one last question before taking a test on subjects, verbs, and prepositional phrases in English.



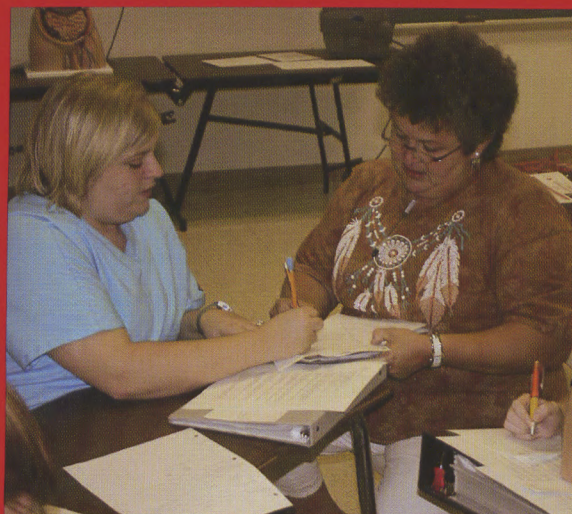
While writing her rough draft for her description essay, Amanda Dardar takes advantage of the latest technology. Many students used the convenience and ease of laptops to complete assignments, especially in Comp I.



Music appreciation students listen as Kaila Givens and instructor Mera Hall demonstrate the pentatonic scale.



Rusty Adams, Leigh Leahey, Charles Knapp, Nita Parsons, Lloyd Blailock, and Jessica Jones focus on their word processing assignment in Microcomputer Applications.



Nursing students Sarah Chisholm and Susan Means work together figuring drug calculations. Nursing students spend hours preparing for tests in order to become registered nurses.

Academics

Building knowledge in math and science

For many students, math was the greatest academic obstacle they could face. For others, it was a welcomed challenge. Despite the outlook, students enrolled in a math course to meet graduation requirements. Understanding the diversity in students' mathematical backgrounds, math classes were offered spanning many levels of difficulty.

Students lacking a solid background in algebra enrolled in Elementary or Intermediate Algebra to build toward future success in College Algebra. Elementary education majors took Real Numbers to learn the basics while business majors learned business basics through Statistics or Finite Math courses.

For those enjoying a challenge or seeking a career in computer science and engineering, Trigonometry, Calculus, and Differential Equations offered students an expansive knowledge of higher level math. Although these classes were often smaller in student population, the intensity and level of difficulty were greater.

Despite the math chosen or the feeling of uncertainty of success within the class, students left the course having gained confidence that they received the essential foundation for building math knowledge as they continue to meet math encounters in the work place or in the university setting.

Scott Speed and Brooks Abel evaluate data in Physics Lab while Rochelle McEwen and Christopher McKissick receive individualized instruction from Dr. Michael Walker. Through weekly labs, students gained an understanding of the physical concepts of mechanics, heat, and sound in Engineering Physics I.



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Inquisitive minds seeking answers led students to enroll in lectures and laboratories in the field of science. Instructors in chemistry, physics, biology, botany, zoology, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology provided weekly experiments and lectures that enabled students to gain a clearer understanding of their surrounding world and all of its fascinating uncertainties.

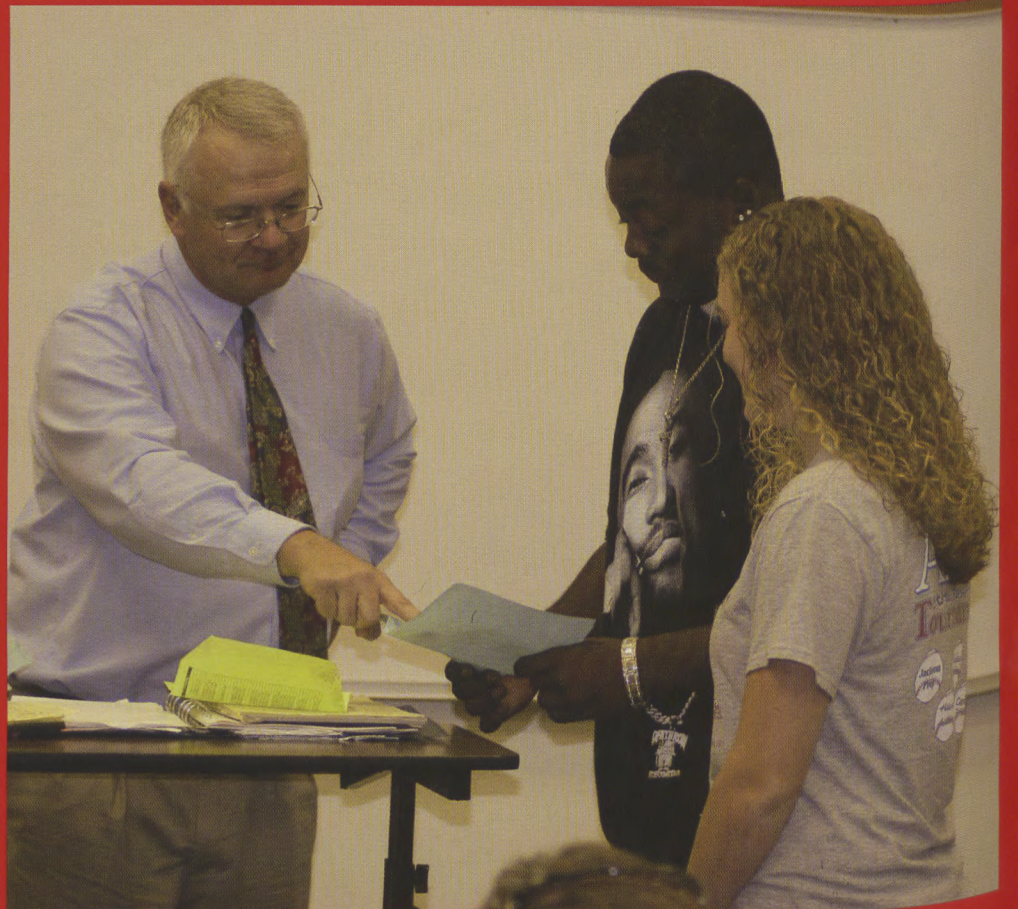
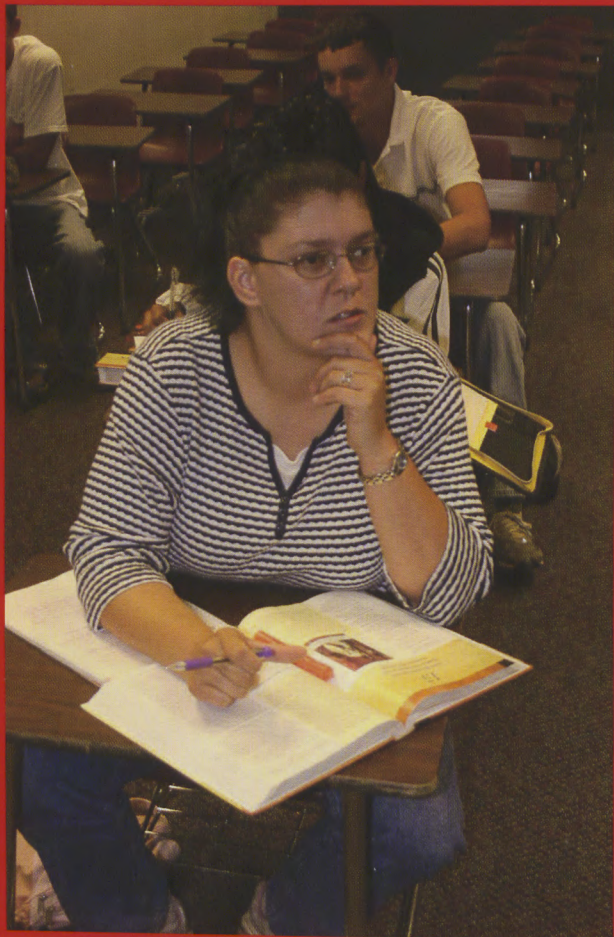
If the lab itself limited discovery, students would take field trips outdoors for an extended expansion of classroom learning. Bear Lake, itself, furnished bountiful experimental opportunities for examining ecosystems.

Detailed study of the cell, tissues, skin, bones, muscles, and various body systems in anatomy and physiology classes coupled with instruction about microbes, genetics, parasites, and bacteria in microbiology prepared students desiring careers as health care professionals. Answers to "Why" or "How" extended to discussion in chemistry and physics.

Through the sciences, students have an opportunity to collect data, predict outcomes, mix chemicals, examine specimens, dissect animals, and study the universe to gain an understanding and appreciation for life, nature, and the heavenly bodies. In the process of acquiring such knowledge, students built goals and exhibited self discipline which are essential skills for any career.

Instructor Debera Reeves works step-by-step through an algebraic equation in Elementary Algebra.

Beverly Weathersby, Nancy Nicholls, and Brady Brabham learn that through concentration and balance they can pass a can full of pennies with their feet. Activities like this taught teamwork, which is the focus of Merrielyn Ginn's Honors Forum course.



Anita Murray listens as instructor Larry Holmes lectures in Western Civilization.

Instructor Paul Dancisin points out the instructions as he gives an assignment to Clarence Varnado and Rebecca White.

Academics

Building knowledge in the social sciences

Living in a diverse world builds knowledge of others and the places in which they live. Thus, studies in the social sciences helps to broaden students' understanding of others enabling students to better understand themselves. Through health, philosophy, economics, history, psychology, leadership, political science, and sociology courses, students have an opportunity to discover themselves and understand various aspects of their own culture as it relates to other cultures.

In Economics I and II, students learned how pricing and quantity through supply and demand affected their wallets. Through classroom discussion and daily homework,

accounting students learned to debit and credit correctly, create income statements, and analyze business practices.

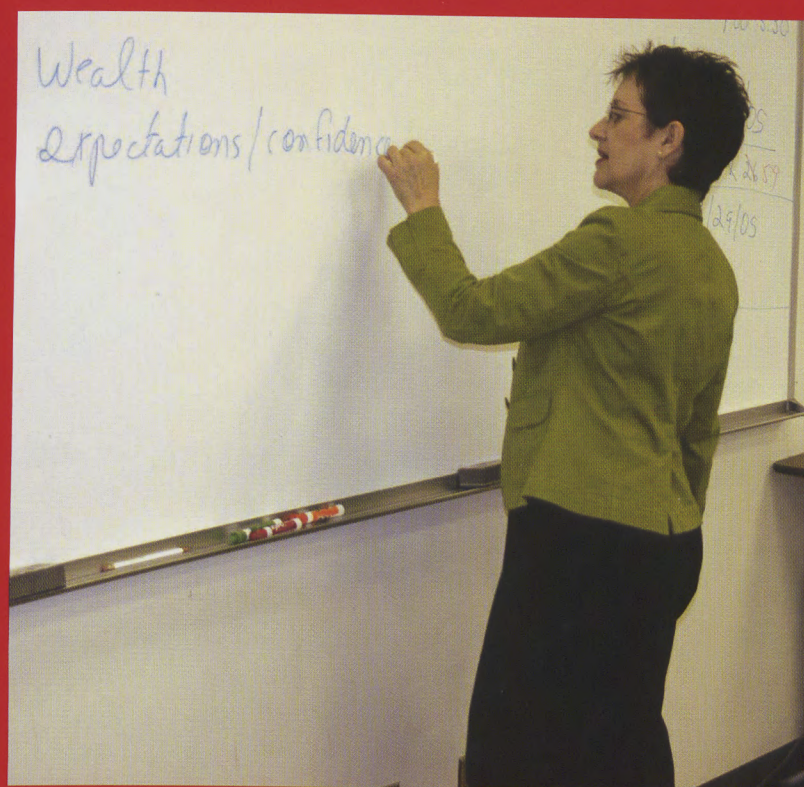
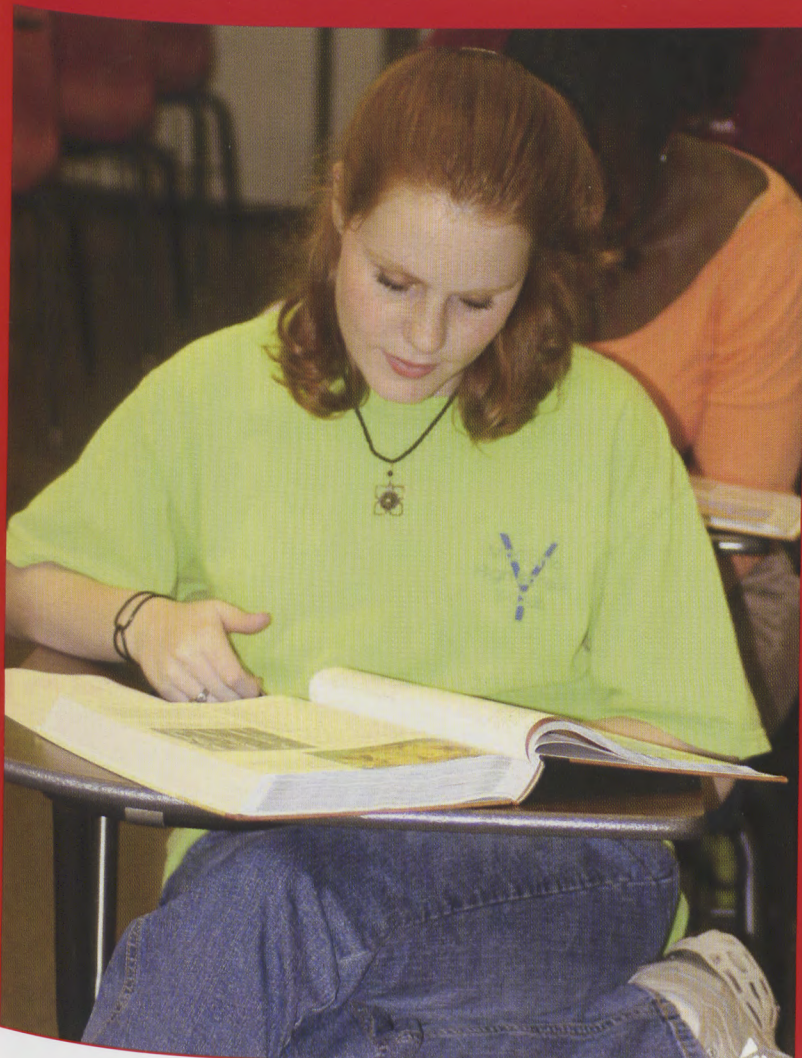
Classes in Federal Government, Western Civilization, and American History provided students with an in-depth study into how civilizations have evolved and how past events affected and predicted future events.

Psychology courses focused on the individual while sociology examined groups. With students of varying backgrounds, habits, and beliefs uniting for a common goal, an education, instruction centered around methods that taught students to respect differences.

In Old and New Testament classes, students examined the Bible and discovered biblical truths.

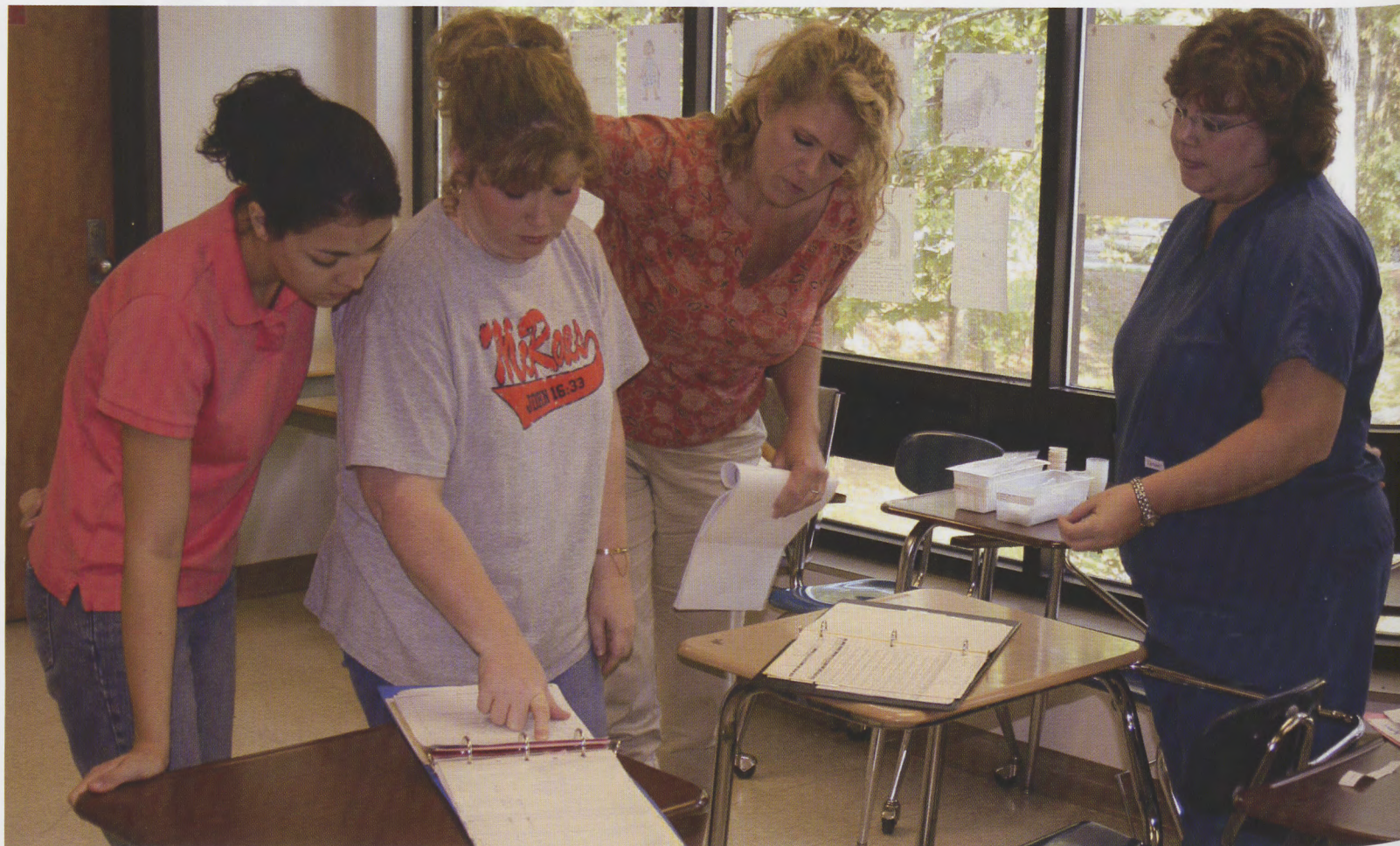
In Honors Forum, students developed leadership skills and gained an understanding about group dynamics. Through readings from the humanities, classic works of literature, and experimental learning exercises students prepared to become future leaders.

A study in the social sciences involved more than textbooks, lectures, and quizzes. Activities presented in these courses promoted self analysis and reflection - skills that are essential in building a promising future.



Jessica Bowser studies about Rome in Federal Government while students in economics listen and take notes as instructor Cecelia Brister explains the connection between wealth and confidence.

Instructor Stephanie Greer observes as Tiffany Martin, Lisa Fortenberry and Polly Crawford read a 'mock' chart in preparation for medication administration. Students have to learn the steps of medication administration before going to the hospital for a clinical.



Academics

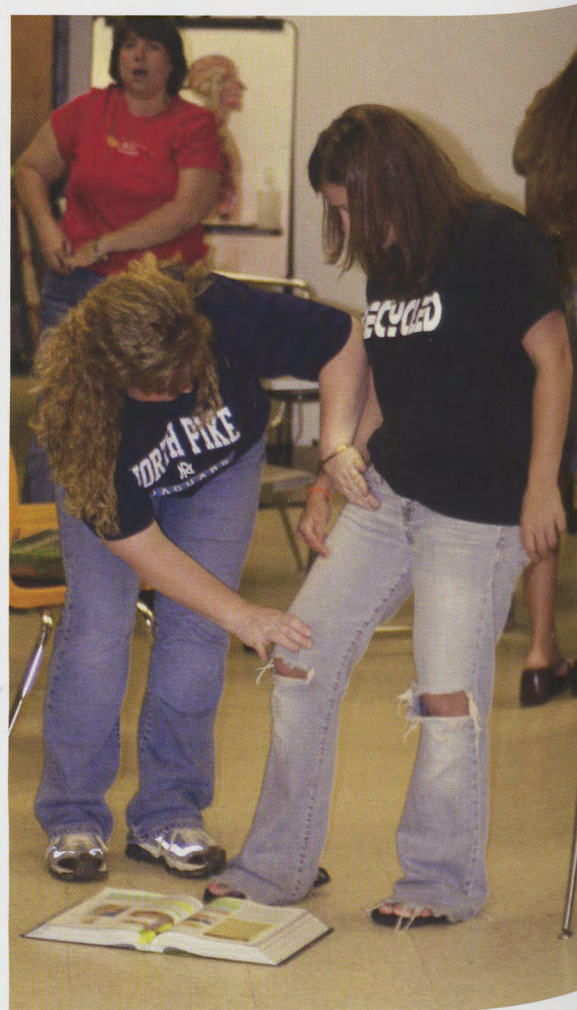
Building knowledge in health occupations

One of the most difficult and demanding careers today is nursing. With continued research, health information builds rapidly, as well as the need for knowledgeable health care professionals.

As one of the most demanding and challenging areas of study at Southwest, the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program prepares its graduates to become registered nurses who will meet the expanding health care needs of the community. Its curriculum includes a balance of general education, current nursing theory, and laboratory experience.

Students in the ADN program spent hours in lecture, lab, and clinical situations and even more hours in study as they endeavored to grasp and absorb hundreds of pages of concepts and theory. Clinicals helped clear many concepts as students saw puzzle pieces fit together.

Even though nursing required hard work and patience, many view the nursing profession as a calling to help others. In addition, the rewards and opportunities for employment are plentiful as the need for qualified health care professionals continues to rise.

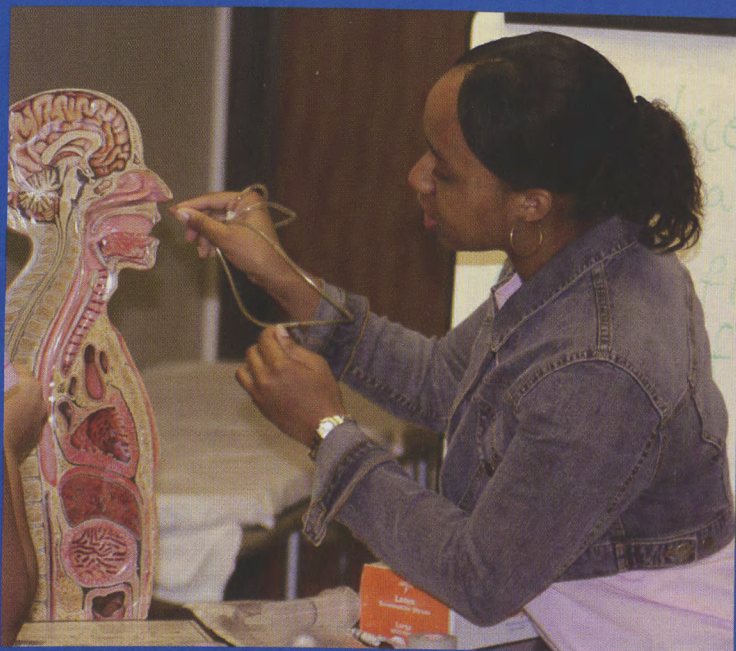


Lisa Fortenberry finds the right spot to give Carla Brownell an injection.



Instructor Joy Clayton discusses nasogastric feeding with Carol Nunnery.

After class lecture, Shaylia Standberry gets hands-on practice inserting a feeding tube.



Tomeka Harris and Ann Smith work together to draw up doses of medication before using an orange as their "guinea pig."

Academics

Building knowledge in the humanities

Whether seeking a degree in art or music or just needing a class to fulfill your major requirement, an interesting class awaited you within the myriad of courses offered through the humanities division.

In Drawing I and II, students sketched still life or campus scenes. On sunny days, students flanked the banks of Bear Lake or climbed aboard tailgates to capture the perfect view of campus on canvas. Art for Elementary Teachers prepared elementary education majors for today's classroom, and Art Appreciation classes detailed art's history.

Students who enjoyed music rather than art found courses too - Music Appreciation, Music Theory, and Music History. Students wishing to build upon musical talent or gain musical skills through individualized instruction enrolled in voice, piano, guitar, or brass

lessons. Some students, however, enjoyed performing. Thus, they sought a position in the choir, marching band, or stage band.

Students looking to build their knowledge of grammar and writing skills took English Composition. Essays in Comp. I encouraged students to convey their views through writings. Comp. II students scrutinized the writings of others through their studies of poetry, drama, and short stories. To demonstrate their understanding of the literary elements authors use in their works, Comp. II students compiled research papers on particular authors or works.

A study in literature continued in British literature, where students gained a clearer understanding of the genre. Students desiring more intense grammar review or students majoring in elementary education enrolled in

Traditional Grammar. Some students had not been in a classroom setting for many years, so they opted to brush-up on their grammar and writing skills through developmental English classes.

Students seeking an additional language challenge found Spanish to be the answer. Learning a foreign language gave some students a better understanding of the grammatical functions within their native tongue.

Students not only wrote the English language but also spoke it correctly in speech classes. The skills and confidence students learned through speech classes enabled them to become better communicators in today's world.

Personal and Community Health brought health issues to the forefront by revealing causes of diseases and effects of bad habits. To combat these negatives, students learned positive ways to maintain a lifestyle that ideally results in a long, healthy, productive life.

Despite the humanities course taken, students knew they were building a strong foundation toward future success.

Instructor Hope Thompson reviews with students Syrus Finn and Marcus Holmes before test time.



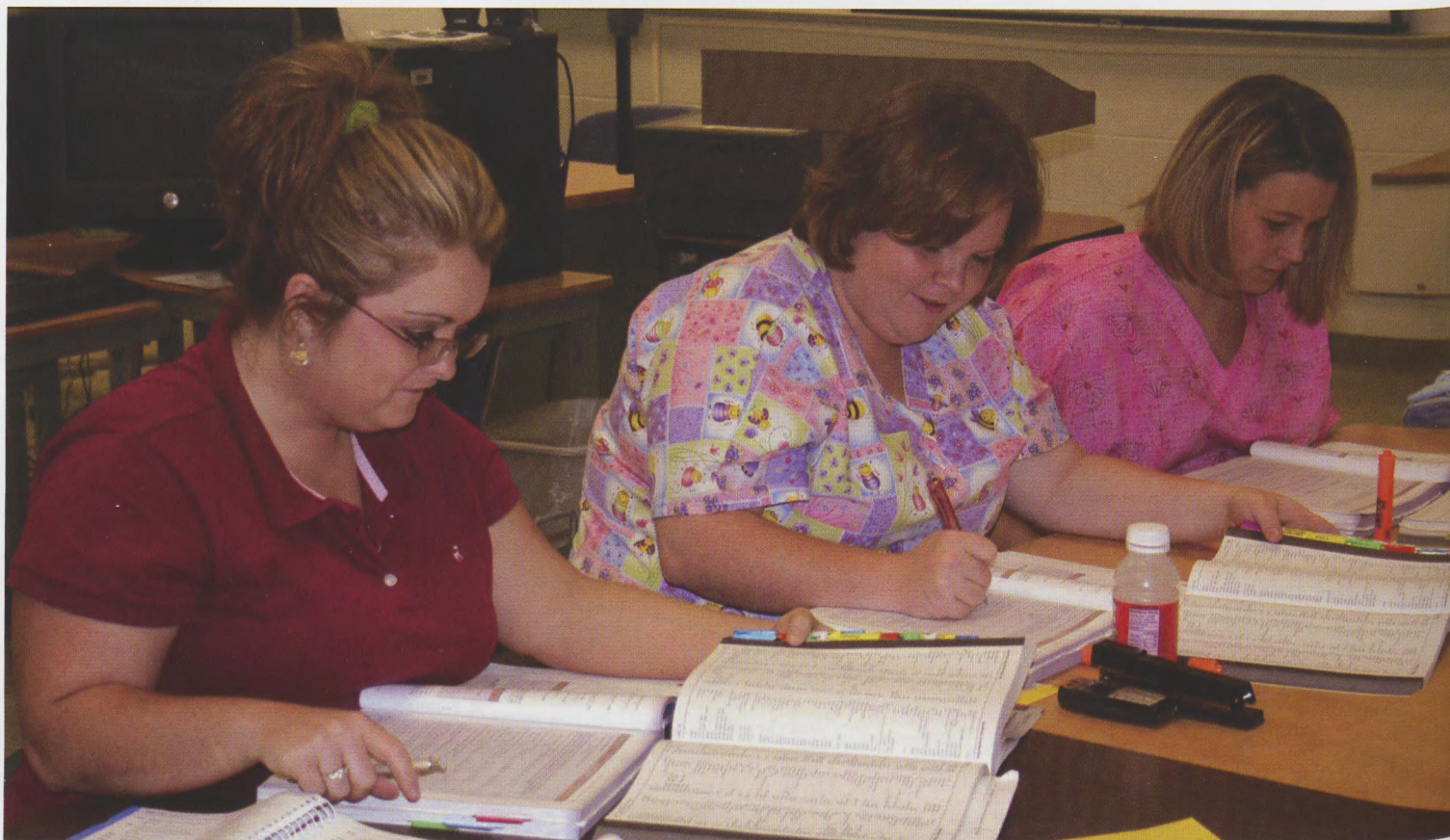


Music major Dale Brumfield gains the individualized instruction he needs from instructor Connie Lambuth.

Andrea Godwin paints a drawing of a house using acrylic paint in Dub Brock's Drawing II class. Students work with many mediums practicing and perfecting basic art techniques.

English Composition II students Adam Huell, Corey Crossley, Yalanda Grady, and Danielle Le listen attentively as instructor Gwen May shows where to find information in *Short Story Criticism* for their research project.





Career - Technical Education

New programs build opportunities for career - technical students

For those students looking for a career without a four year wait, Southwest offers more than twenty career-technical programs that require only two years for completion rather than the academic route that requires a minimum of four years to complete a program of study. After two years in Southwest's technical programs, graduates are equipped with the skills needed to survive and excel in the workforce.

Understanding the needs of their students and the needs of an ever changing world, Southwest offered two new career-technical programs to better

prepare its students for the job force. The Massage Therapy program taught its students the physical treatment of massage as well as the ethical and professional aspects, and the Medical and Billing Coding program prepared students for employment in a medical or insurance office position.

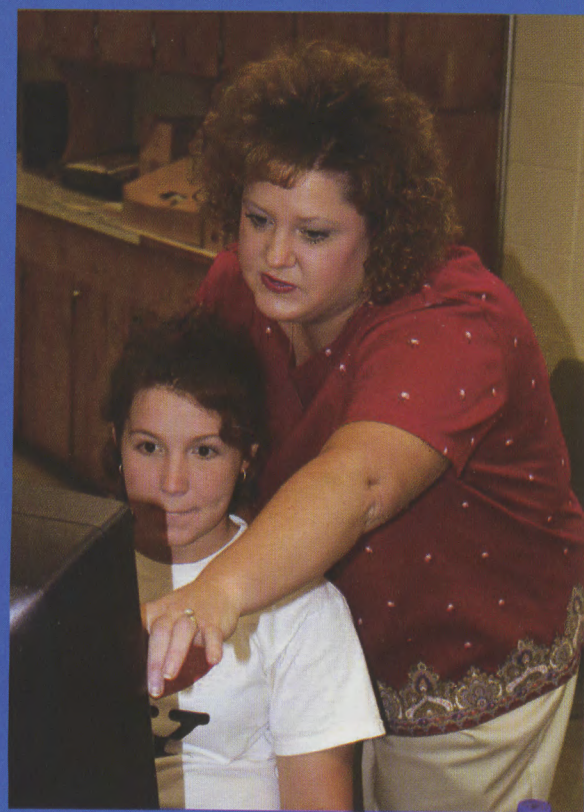
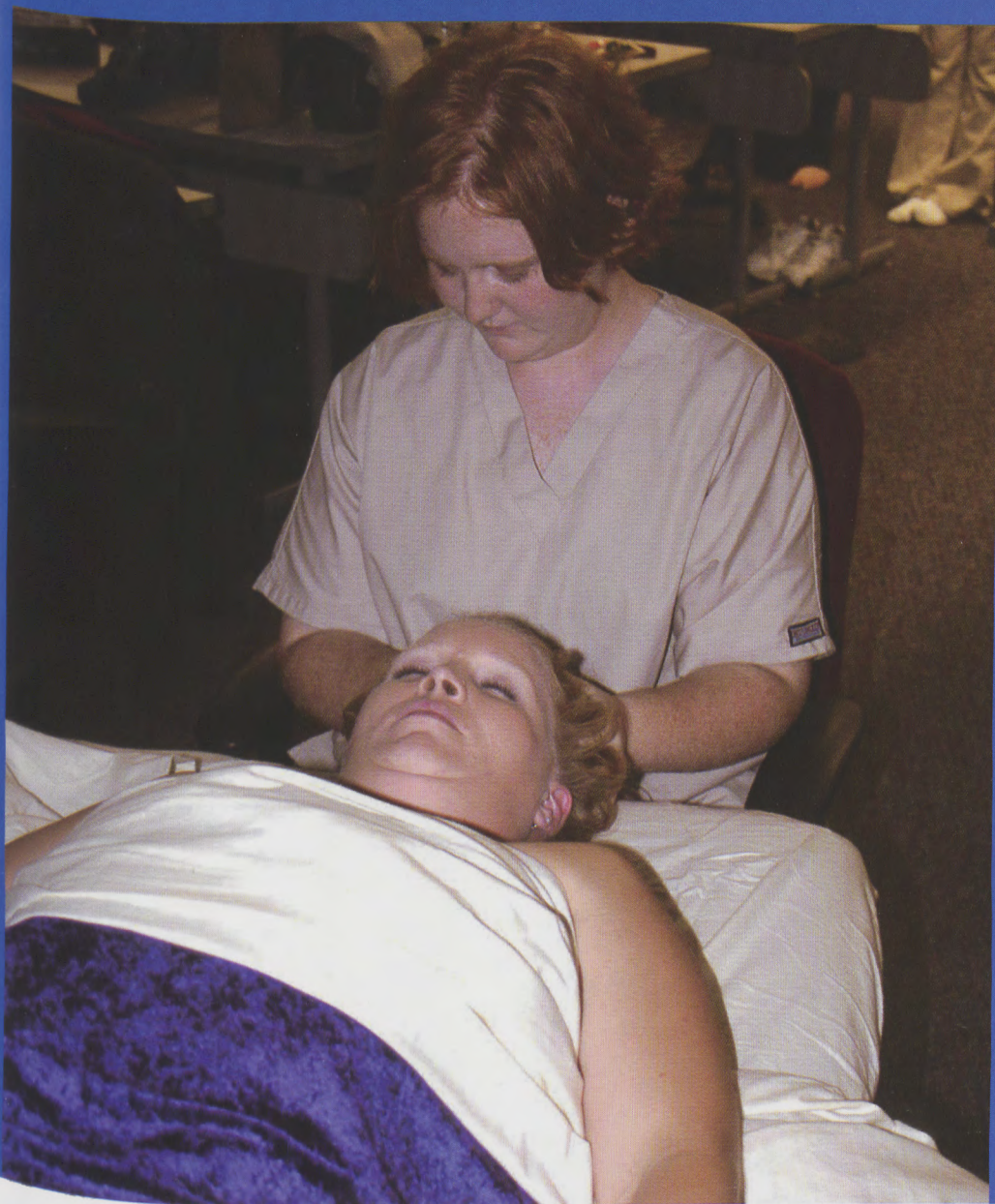
Although the traditional freshmen and sophomores dominated the classrooms, more and more non-traditional students reentered school after a long absence to sharpen their skills or to learn a new trade to qualify for the technical job market. With a vast variety of programs from which to choose, everyone found his/her niche.

Southwest understands the demands industry places on its employees. Southwest continually evaluates its programs to ensure that they satisfy the demand for strong, skilled technologists to make Mississippians competitive and qualified for high-paying jobs.

Over and over, Southwest career-technical graduates prove their ability to compete as they enter the job market geared with the knowledge and determination to succeed.

With new programs providing foundational skills and knowledge necessary for employment in the technical workforce, Southwest's career-technical division is building on excellence.

Well Construction Technology students James Jackson, Dantreal Ross, David Seiber, and Tramel Robinson perform drilling duties on a 200 foot deep hole near the drilling shop.



Samantha Wilkinson practices basic massage techniques on Anita Beard. Along with Introduction to Massage, students were required to complete 21 hours their first semester in courses such as Anatomy and Physiology for Massage, Sports Therapy, CPR, etc. in the Massage Therapy program.

Business and computers go hand-in-hand, and in Database Management instructor Kathy Boyte prepares students like Hannah Duncan for the work world.

Jeremy Mote, Derrick Cain, Brandon Carr, Alicia Carr, Darrein Robinson, Michael Bedford, Gary Harrell, Dustin Wunstel, and Dustin Kimble listen as instructor Bob Simmons introduces the components of a personal computer in Computer Networking.



Laterrio Harris makes sparks fly while performing a welding test.

Well drilling halts for a moment for Chase O'Bryant, Duston Dore, James Jackson, and Tristan Hall to check the viscosity of the drilling fluid. Drillers monitor the thickness of the fluid throughout the drilling procedure.

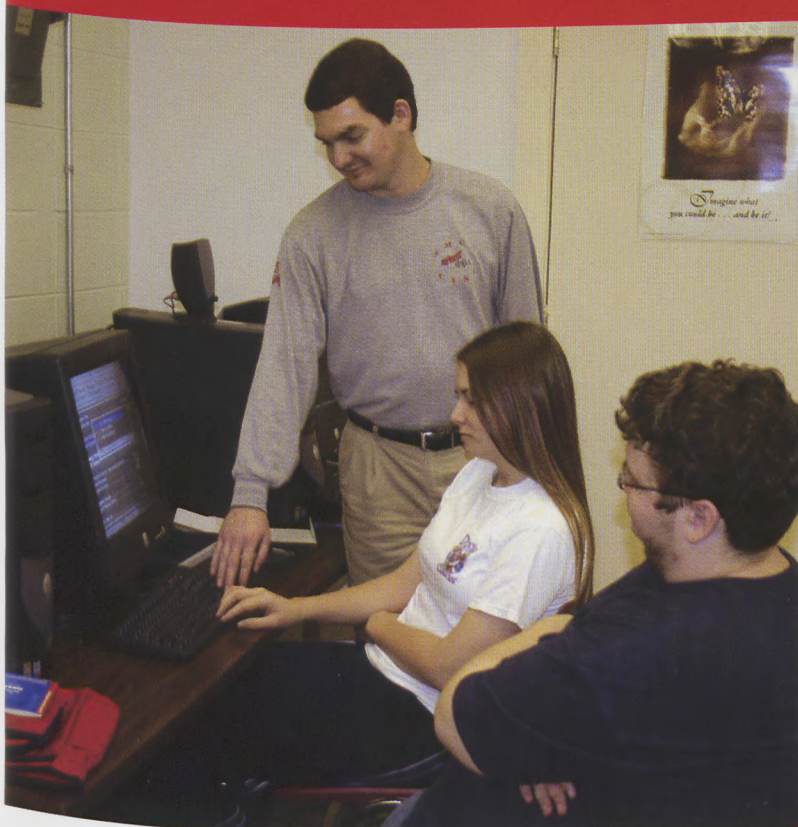




Career - Technical Programs



Automation and Control Technology
Automotive Technology
Carpentry (Residential)
Child Development Technology
Commercial Truck Driving
Computer Information Systems Technology
Computer Network Support Technology
Cosmetology
Diesel Equipment Technology
Drafting and Design Technology
Electrical Technology
Electronics Technology
Heating and Air Conditioning
Instrumentation Technology
Law Enforcement Technology
Marketing Management Technology
Massage Therapy
Nurse Assistant
Office Systems Technology
Practical Nursing
Robotics Technology
Welding, Brazing, and Soldering
Well Construction Technology



LPN sophomore Deanne Summers practices listening to Kendra Toliver's heart beat.

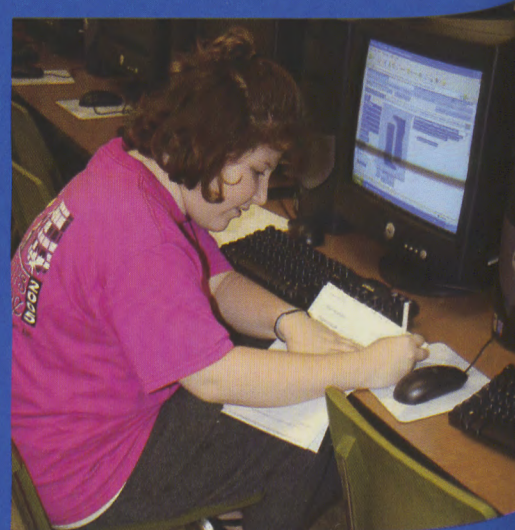
Instructor Colter Cotten guides Ashley Reid and Donald Williams through the process of installing Windows XP Professional on the computer, while instructor Deborah Benson evaluates cosmetology student Martina McNeil's mannequin's hair style.

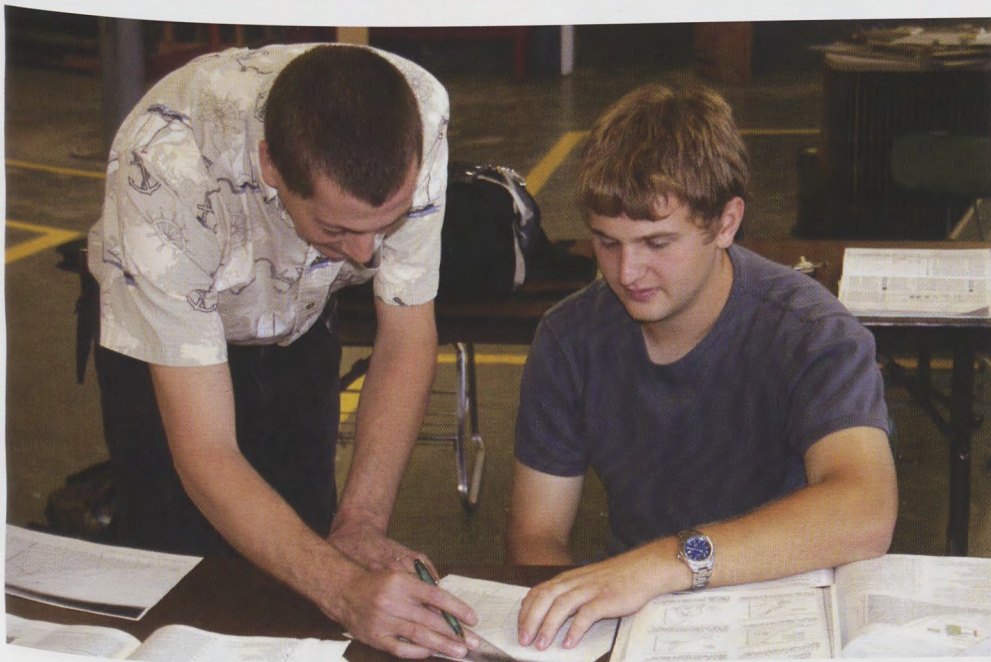
Career - Technical Education

Diesel Equipment Technology students Daniel Jordan, Damon Brock, and Deon Brumfield watch as instructor Danny Esch helps Antonio Smith remove a pipe plug.

Stacy Forrest, Landon Moore, and Lance Busby hook up a thermostat on an air conditioning unit.

Building job skills for a better future





Future electricians Phillip Cooper and Daniel Reid get some guidance from instructor Brad Van Norman.

Heating and Air Conditioning program instructor Michael Kyzar helps Justin Lofton measure air properties and plot them on a psychrometric chart.

Workforce Development Center

Carolyn Williams, Workforce/Basic Skills Specialist; Breeze Alford, Receptionist; Charlotte McGregor, Center Secretary; Belinda Jones, Personal Development Specialist; Bridgett Lowe, Industrial Training Coordinator; Jerry Malone, Workforce Development Center Director; Margie Campbell, WIA Educational Coordinator



Support Services

Library Learning Resources Center • Workforce Development Center



Services help build student success

Providing a helping hand to students in the classroom and in the workforce is what Southwest strives to achieve. The Library-Learning Resources Center (LLRC), commonly called the library, and its Learning Lab, housed in the library, served as a support service to its many patrons who needed materials for projects or papers or who needed that special, individualized attention.

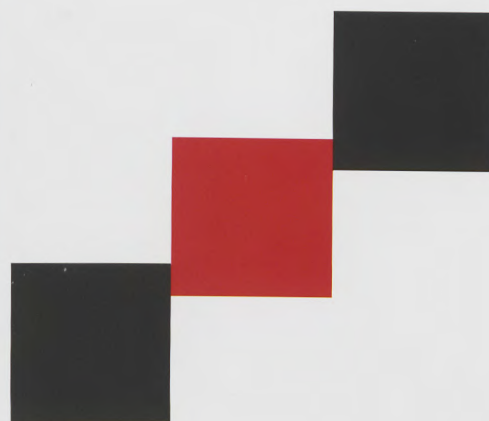
The Learning Lab buzzed with activity as students typed papers, checked their e-mail accounts, and studied the various tutorials. If computerized tutoring did not suffice,

tutors were on hand for that one-on-one support.

Just as the LLRC endeavored to ensure success and support, the Workforce Development Center endeavored to ensure the success of our community. Located in Kenna Hall, the Workforce Center serves as a liaison between Southwest and the community by assisting employees of new and existing businesses and industries in meeting their technical training requirements or in upgrading their basic skill levels to meet the demands of a changing job market.

Yet, the Workforce Development Center addressed more than just today's employees. It also targeted persons fifty years of age or older and provided ongoing services for them. The Career Planning and Assessment Lab targeted today's student and attempted to direct them into a career path suited to their interests and talents.

Whether assisting patrons in the LLRC or the Workforce Development Center, Southwest's support services aimed to help patrons, young and old, employed or retired, build personal success.



Learning Lab Personnel

Director Dawn Brumfield; Assistants Rhonda Nevels and Vickie Deere

Librarians

Gloria Van Norman, Library Clerk; Maxine Bierbaum, Librarian; Cheryl McKinley, Secretary; Natalie McMahon, Director



Hopping back in time, Baptist Student Union Leadership Council member Amanda Russell takes Corey Smith and Taylor Fortinberry's order. The BSU opened a 1950's style diner called Junior's Diner for an evening of fun and fellowship.



From weekly meetings in the BSU, Wesley, or Catholic organizations to working together with student body representatives in the Student Government Association, students had opportunities to participate campus-wide. Through this involvement, students built friendships and exhibited their talents as leaders, volunteers, supporters, and encouragers. They also learned to listen, to respect others, and to give freely of their time and talents. Through being part of an organization, students learned to work together to accomplish common goals and to learn life-long lessons in the process. These skills provided the foundation for building future leaders in the workforce and community.

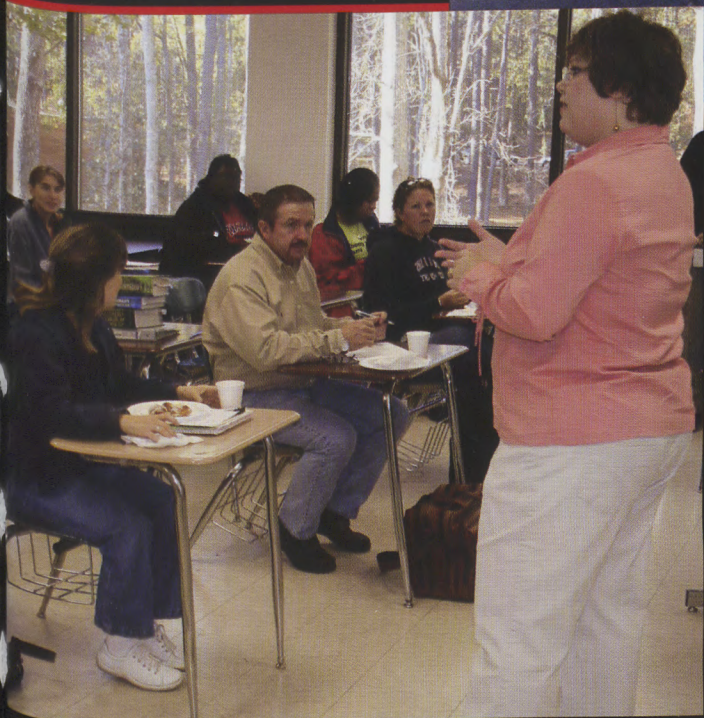
Organizations



Advisor Betty Johnson gives Bear Trackers Stephen Bryant and Lindsey Lang last minute advice before area high school students arrive at the Discover Southwest Night Tailgate Party. The event hosted more than 400 participants.



Jennifer McDowell and Dale Brumfield practice their piece during dress rehearsal for the upcoming Stage Band Shows.



Student Nurses Organization members gather for an early morning meeting with Advisor Stephanie Greer. After discussing upcoming events, SNO members learned about the Jamaican health care system from guest speaker Sharon Lawrence.

Student Government Association

Campus Representatives

Students desiring to lead others in a governing campus-wide position campaigned for an office with the Student Government Association (SGA). Although all full-time students are members of the SGA, those with a competitive spirit campaigned seeking a position on the student council as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.

After vigorous campaigns each spring, elected "officials" begin serving their term in office.

Each fall, freshman and sophomore classes nominate and elect class officers to this governing body. With weekly meetings, these campus-wide leaders saw government in action as they planned the many events for the entire student body.

SGA members designed and sold T-shirts for homecoming and spring dances, sponsored blood drives, hosted Bear Jamboree, selected a homecoming theme, decorated for the annual

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- Ginny Dancsisin, Sophomore Class President

homecoming dance and created homecoming displays. If all of these activities weren't enough, SGA hosted a spring formal following Bear Necessities Day.

SGA leaders quickly learned that representing the entire student body is a

time consuming task. With each activity, each project, students learned the importance of collaboration, delegation, and participation. However, through all of the work and time these leaders dedicated to the job, they also experienced the gratification achieved through helping others. "Being a member of the SGA gave me the opportunity to help out in ways I could not do alone," said sophomore class president Ginny Dancsisin.

Through their experiences as campus leaders, these representatives built leadership skills that will be utilized in many of their future endeavors.

Sophomore Class Officers
President, Ginny Dancsisin; Vice President, Lindsey Lang; Secretary, Daniel Perry; Treasurer, Kaci Wicker

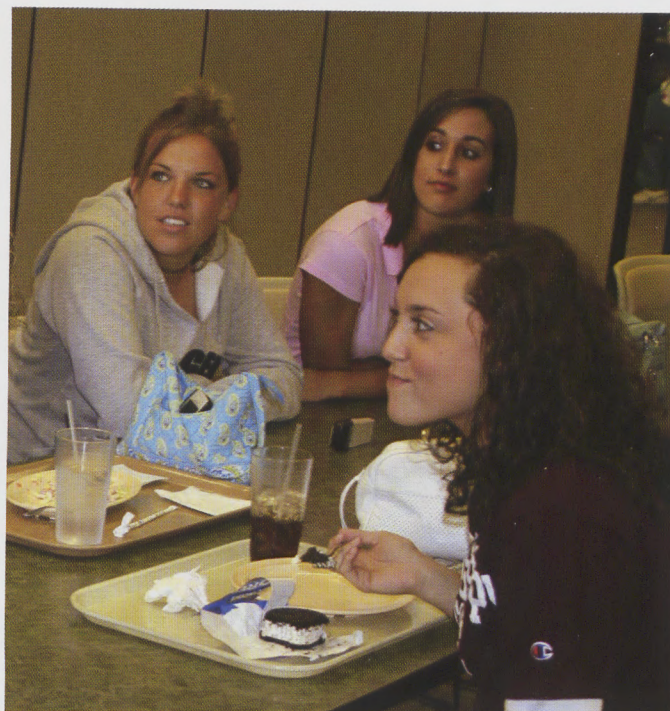


SGA advisor Steve Bishop leads a working lunch meeting to prepare for homecoming week. The SGA met several times throughout the semester to prepare for the annual homecoming dance which the group sponsors.



SGA Officers

Jamey Matte, President; Ashley Sasser, Vice President; Grant Rainey, Secretary; Meredith McMorris, Treasurer



Freshman Class Officers

President, Kayla Brumfield; Vice President, Robin Adams; Secretary, Rebecca White; Treasurer, Ashley Easley

Kayla Brumfield, Robin Adams, and Ashley Easley, listen as SGA President Jamey Matte discusses upcoming preparations for the homecoming dance.

Phi Theta Kappa Officers

Lauren McGinnis, Vice President of Service; Gwen Anne Crawford, Secretary; Jamey Matte, Treasurer; row 2, Allen Pope, Reporter; Linzee McGinnis, Vice President of Leadership; Ashley Sasser, President; Ginny Dancisin, Vice President of Scholarship; Grant Rainey, Vice President of Fellowship



After gathering contributions, Matthew Hay, Gwen Anne Crawford, Amelia Yawn, Sponsor, Zach Collette and Bryn Meredith get ready to head out to Gulfport to deliver Katrina Care Packages.



Sponsor Diane Turnage and member Gwen Anne Crawford load up a few remaining boxes of supplies. Phi Theta Kappa members collected donations and then put together Hurricane Katrina Care Packages for students at Gaston Point Elementary School in Gulfport.

Phi Theta Kappa

Intellectual Leaders

Scholarship coupled with leadership and service are the hallmarks of the Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Chartered in Spring 1966, Phi Theta Kappa is an international community college honor society, offering membership to students achieving and maintaining high academic standing. To be admitted into this prestigious organization, a student must be enrolled in fifteen academic hours and have a 3.50. To continue in the society, the student must maintain a 3.00 average.

Phi Theta Kappa membership brought privileges and work as members sought to retain their 5-Star status. Phi Theta Kappa members, along with sponsors Diane Turnage and Amelia Yawn, worked

continuously completing projects for the organization. For many, these projects provided an outlet for members to serve others. "Phi Theta

opportunities," said member Jamey Matte.

One of the many opportunities members took part in was adopting an elementary school in Gulfport, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. They collected donations and put together care packages for the coastal students.

To fund their various activities, including a trip to the Seattle International Convention, members sold Marathon cheese, Bear pops, and McRae's tickets to reach their goal.

Through participation in Phi Theta Kappa, members worked together toward building common goals and enjoyed the success of reaching these goals. Their service as intellectual leaders along with their quest for achievement continues to build Bear excellence.

"Phi Theta Kappa has been a wonderful experience that has opened many new doors in the areas of fellowship, community service, and academic opportunities."

-Jamey Matte, Phi Theta Kappa Treasurer

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Ashley Sasser, Gwen Anne Crawford, Jamey Matte, Kristen Allen, and Linzee McGinnis show off their Phi Theta Kappa T-shirts.

Meghan Gutter, Elizabeth Whetstone, Jordan Whitaker, Amanda McCarty, Gwen Anne Crawford, Kayla Ashley, Jamey Matte; row 2, Samantha Coon, Ginny Dancisin, Ashley Easley, Ashley Sasser, Robin Adams, Lauren McGinnis, Linzee McGinnis, Erin Ashley, Meredith McMorris; row 3, Daniel Preiss, Mack Reeves, Glover Quin, Robert Glen Lord, Brooks Smith, Anthony LeCourt, Stephen Bryant, Lindsey Lang, Daniel Reid, and Betty Johnson, Sponsor



Bear Trackers *Campus Recruiters*

Serving as Southwest's ambassadors, Bear Trackers remained busy as they searched and recruited college students to become Bears. Recommended by faculty and chosen by a faculty committee, only a select group of Southwest students become Bear Trackers. In recommending students for membership, faculty members consider each nominee's academic record, participation in school activities, and willingness and enthusiasm to represent the College in a positive manner.

During campus events, Bear Trackers stayed busy. They led campus tours, helped students move

into the dorm at the beginning of the semester, and assisted with campus meetings or functions. During the Discover Southwest Night Tailgate Party, Freshman Orientation, and the Career Fair, you could easily

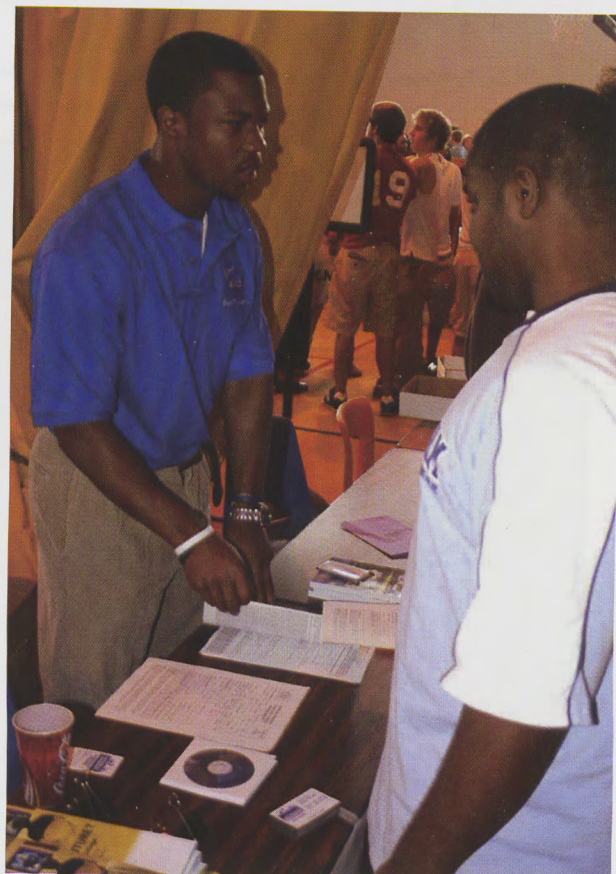
"Being a Bear Tracker is very rewarding because it gives me a chance to meet new people and speak to them about SMCC."

- Daniel Reid, Bear Tracker

spot Bear Trackers in their blue shirts as they mingled with the crowd, answered questions about Southwest, and assumed leadership roles.

Along with sponsors Betty Johnson and Angela Rushing, the Bear Trackers recruited students in all area Mississippi high schools and surrounding parishes in Louisiana. The organization required much of the members' time, but in the end those who participated felt the rewards. "Being a Bear Tracker is very rewarding because it gives me a chance to meet new people and speak to them about SMCC," said Bear Tracker Daniel Reid.

Through participation in this organization, Bear Trackers gave their energies to recruiting others so that these new students could build a successful future that started with Southwest.



After discovering they are a little too big for "The Big Red Train," Stephen Bryant, Anthony LeCourt, Daniel Preiss, and Lindsey Lang settle for a picture with the train while waiting for guests to arrive for the Discover Southwest Night Tailgate party.

Bear Trackers Ashley Sasser, Kayla Ashley, and Erin Ashley meet up with friends Nicole Boyd and Amber Spence to plan what booths to head to at the Career Fair. Like the Discover Southwest Night Tailgate party, the Career Fair also attracted visitors and new recruits to the campus.

Bear Tracker Glover Quin talks to a prospective student about college life at Southwest.

Baptist Student Union Leadership Team

Kristen Allen, Amanda Russell, Ginny Dancisin, Ginger Upshaw, Jennifer McGarry; row 2, Stephen Bryant, Ashley Sasser, Linzee McGinnis, Matt Sessions, Brian Rhodus

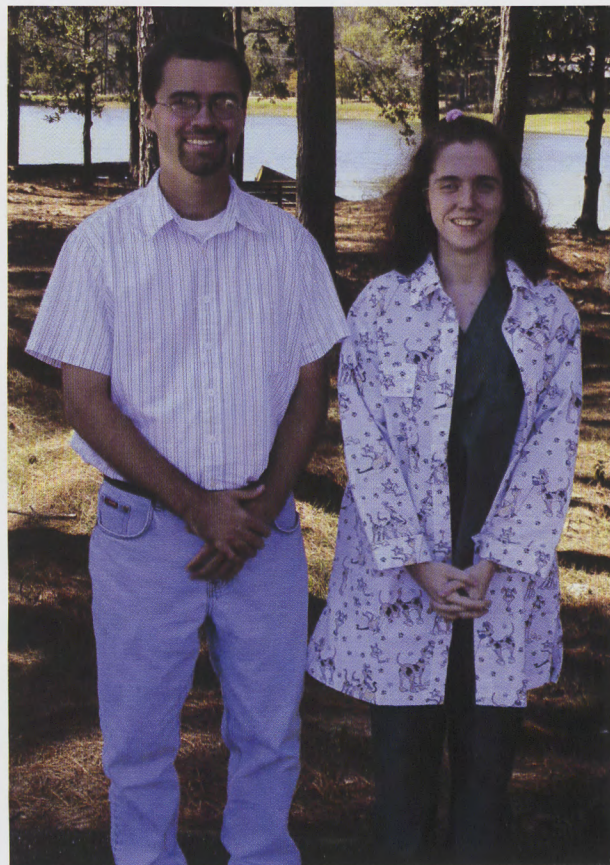


After enjoying a good lunch, Wesley Foundation members William Harris, John Hedges, Tory Burkett, Rev. Hugh Holder-Cummings, Kaci Wicker, and Beth Holder-Cummings discuss the word of the Lord.

Dawn Brumfield, Courtney Smith, Deric Sheridan and Philip Scheel prepare their plates during BSU's Noonday gathering. Lunch at the BSU is a time for students, faculty, and friends to gather for good food and good fellowship.



Catholic Campus Ministries
Clint Goss, Catholic Campus Minister and Tirzah Wilkinson



Campus Ministries

Spiritual Supporters

In search of food, fellowship, and worship, students and faculty made their way to the Catholic Campus Ministries (CCM), Baptist Student Union (BSU), or Wesley Foundation (Wesley).

Serving as BSU Director, Anthony Britt, worshipped and ministered to Southwest's youth, while Clint Goss led the CCM in prayer each week. Under the direction of Pastor Hugh Holder-Cummings, the Wesley Foundation remained active, meeting each week for fellowship and praise.

Regardless of religious affiliation, each denomination welcomed all

SMCC students for fellowship, prayer time, and weekly devotionals to nourish spirits and reassure students of the hope they have in Jesus Christ.

"The BSU has been a growing fellowship where students have been equipped in Christ's armor for the rest of their lives."

- Jennifer McGarry, BSU Leadership Council Secretary

Each group, through its weekly services, worked to guide students along a Christian path that would provide them with a firm religious base for the real world beyond

Southwest. According to BSU Leadership member Jennifer McGarry, "The BSU has been a growing fellowship where students have been equipped in Christ's armor for the rest of their lives."

These times furnished opportunities for believers to socialize with students of common belief, share their faith, and study His Word. Through these activities and times of fellowship, students continually gathered their Christian armor to prepare themselves for the real world.

The Christian ministries across campus built a strong foundation for the nourishment of the soul and the spiritual truth of God's love.

Scholars Bowl

Quick Thinkers

Stiff competition and a passion for trivia drives students to compete in Scholars Bowl. "I enjoy Scholars Bowl because it is a challenge," says Scholars Bowl player Travis Nylin.

Under the leadership and direction of Matthew Calhoun, a team of SMCC students like Nylin prepared for the challenge of upcoming matches between Southwest and other state community colleges.

Each week, members practiced and learned the advantages of team play as each team member brought a certain area of

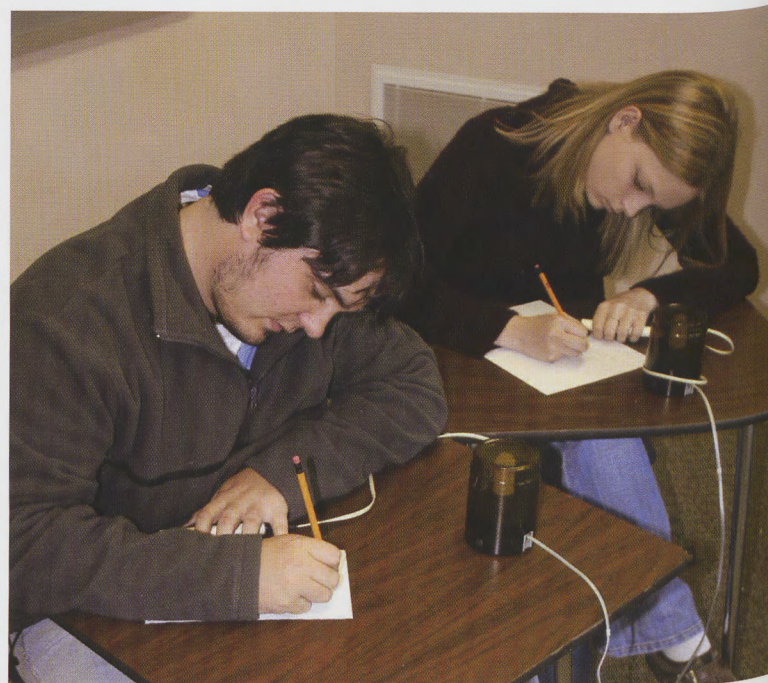
**"I enjoy Scholars Bowl because it is a challenge."
- Travis Nylin, Scholars Bowl member**

expertise to the game. When a question appeared in their specialty category, it was time for quick action.

Speed coupled with knowledge seemed to be the key to success. And, if they did not know an answer, hearing a new question and answer increased their mental database.

Whether competing for a scholarship or competing for a job, Scholars Bowl afforded students a chance to build their competitive edges in order to conquer the challenges that await them in life.

Scholars Bowl participants Field Davis and Rochelle McEwen prepare their answers as sponsor Matthew Calhoun reads the math problem



Wil Nunnery, Tabbitha McKee, Travis Nylin, and John Hedges practice sharpening their quick thinking skills during weekly Scholars Bowl practice. These practices prepare members for upcoming competitions.

Student Nurses Organization

Health Professionals

Student Nurses Organization Officers

Pam Mooney, Social Committee (SC); Lisa Meranto, Treasurer; Angie Ivey, SC; Nona Deer, President; Stephanie Greer, Sponsor; row 2, Denarius Bates, SC; Kim McCloud, SC; Marvin Nevels, Secretary; Katherine Hines, SC; Stacy McDaniel, SC



Between reading and studying for lectures and tests and preparing for weekly clinicals, nurses found little time in their lives to do anything other than nursing. However, they made time to promote the advantages of living healthy lifestyles.

Learning through required courses how essential good health is to well being, associate and pre-associate degree nursing students came together in the Student Nurses Organization (SNO) to discuss issues relevant to healthy

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- Nona Deer, SNO President

lifestyles. "As a member of SNO, I know that we can work together to make a difference in our community," said SNO President Nona Deer.

As professional nurses, these students will have opportunities to educate their patients about the importance of adopting and maintaining good health habits building healthier individuals and a healthier society.



Student Nurses Organization

Portia Holmes, Jennifer McKissick, Vickie Wilson, Dawn Souther, Viveca Allen; row 2, Nancy Holmes, Sponsor, Raynold Magee, Tabbitha McKee, Kody Tullos, Desiree Conerly, Cynthia Butler, K. C. Smith, and Gwen May, Sponsor



Future Educators of America

For those exploring teaching as a career option, Future Educators of America (FEA) provided students with a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher. It also coordinated information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and other education issues.

Tutoring, a requirement for members, enlightened these future teachers regarding the needs and demands of an educator. Placed

Role Models

**"Tutoring gives me the opportunity to help others grow to love learning."
- Jerrel Miller, FEA President**

with students who had been recommended for additional assistance by their elementary teachers, FEA members gained real experience about the teaching profession. By working individually with these children, FEA members committed themselves to making a difference in the life of each child. "Tutoring gives me the opportunity to help others grow to love learning," said the group's president Jerrel Miller.

From knowledge gained through curriculum to hands-on experience with children, these future teachers built an understanding about the frustrations and rewards that accompany the teaching profession.



FEA Officers
Kelly Rowell, Reporter; Brittini Richard, Secretary; Tabbitha McKee, Vice President; Jerrel Miller, President

Future Educators of America members Vicki Deere, Jennifer McKissick, Cynthia Butler, Raynold Magee, Desiree Conerly, Viveca Allen, Portia Holmes, K.C. Smith, Kody Tullos, Vickie Wilson, and Dawn Souther pledge to uphold the requirements of FEA.



FEA sponsor Gwen May discusses the organization's upcoming events with members Portia Holmes, Vickie Wilson, Viveca Allen, Raynold Magee, Kody Tullos, Michelle Cochran, and Amanda Russell. The FEA met throughout the year in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union during lunch.

Phi Beta Lambda

OST PBL

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hi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a national organization of more than 250,000 post secondary students interested in becoming more successful in the business world. Members met with the business community before beginning their job hunt and discovered how to talk confidently with prospective employers.

Through Phi Beta Lambda students learned to lead and participate in group discussion, preside at meetings and conferences, work within committees, and engage in practical decision-making and problem-solving activities - all qualities that

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- Misty Byers, OST PBL President**

promote professionalism. "Being a member of this organization has taught me how to be a good leader in the workplace," said OST PBL President Misty Byers.

Members of OST PBL had to be enrolled in the Office Systems Technology program and maintain a 2.5 GPA to participate in the club's activities and state leadership conference.

OST PBL sponsors were Leanne Rutland, Kathy Boyte, and Melissa Campbell.

Business Leaders

As part of the initiation ceremony for OST PBL, Maegan Fortenberry lights her candle to officially become a member.



OST PBL

LaTaunya Torrence, Maegan Fortenberry, Vice President; Misty Byers, President; Angelia Robinson, Carol Lambert; row 2, Kathy Boyte, Advisor; Beatrice Gordon, Parliamentarian; Lindsay Duncan, Treasurer; Savannah Hedgepeth, Reporter; Elisha Skelton, Katurah Dunn, Chrystal Price, Secretary; Melissa Campbell, Advisor

Phi Beta Lambda

CIST PBL

CIST PBL Officers

Donald Williams, Parliamentarian; Vivian Graves, Reporter; Amanda Dardar, Treasurer; Rusty Adams, Secretary; Caleb Fortenberry, Vice President; Ashley Reid, President



C Business Leaders

Computer Information Systems Technology Phi Beta Lambda (CIST PBL), brings business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Some of its goals are to develop competent, aggressive business leadership; to strengthen student confidence in themselves and their work; to develop character, prepare for useful citizenship and foster patriotism; to encourage

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- Ashley Reid, CIST PBL President

scholarship and promote school loyalty; and to facilitate the transition from school to work. "CIST-PBL has launched me to a higher, more concentrated level of competition and leadership, as well as allowing me to advance my organizational and critical thinking capabilities," said President Ashley Reid.

Whether you found interest in secretarial skills or computer skills, Phi Beta Lambda had an organization to help you build a foundation for today's business world.



CIST - PBL Members

Karvanagh Harris, Donald Williams, Derrick Green, Albert Barnes, Lisa Cook; row 2, Kim Tynes, Sponsor, Mike Anazia, Vivian Graves, Amanda Dardar, Rusty Adams, Caleb Fortenberry, Ashley Reid, Colter Cotten, Sponsor

Whispering Pines

Memory Trackers

Facing deadlines, designing layouts, and giving strict attention to detail are just a few of the everyday tasks of the *Whispering Pines* yearbook staff. Members worked diligently and tirelessly to compile the information for the yearbook. Each week the staff met to create or edit layouts, write captions and copy, or alphabetize and type the 822 photos of students, faculty, and staff to accurately depict the year's events. It was a time to learn about basic journalism and a time to learn new friends as members worked together to meet monthly deadlines.

Comprised of many new members, the staff used the combined skills of veterans and novices. Many

of the staffers had worked on yearbooks in their local high schools, so they knew the demands expected of

"As yearbook editor I learned to delegate responsibilities to other members, pay attention to detail, and work with staff members to get our goals accomplished."

- Josh Golmon, *Whispering Pines* Editor

them. These veterans showed the new enlistees the fundamentals of putting together a yearbook.

Despite the years of experience,

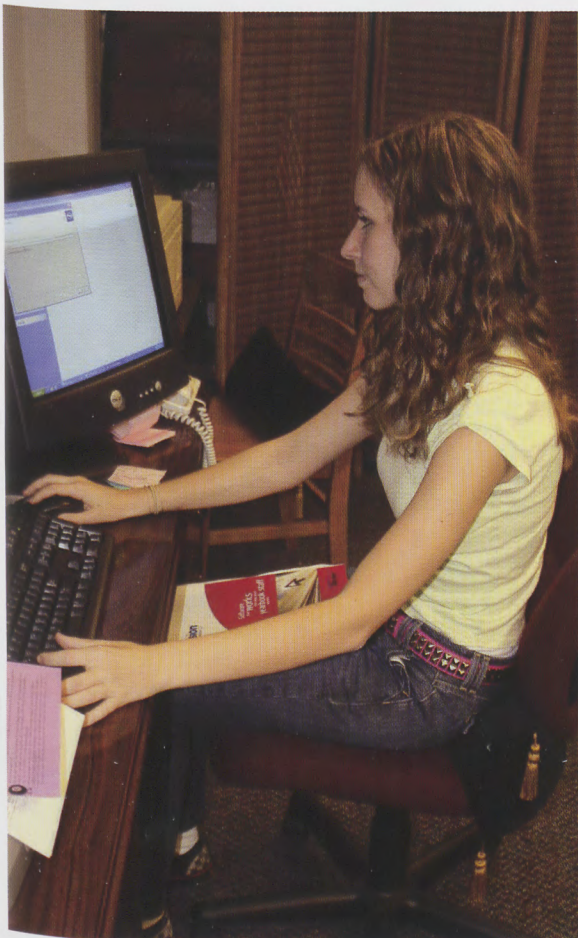
all staff members learned skills that would carry over into the work world. "As yearbook editor I learned to delegate responsibilities to other members, pay attention to detail, and work with staff members to get our goals accomplished," said editor Josh Golmon.

Whispering Pines staff members learned new skills and embraced the work, putting in many hours beyond the established weekly meeting schedule to help meet the deadlines. The staff remained committed to creating a book that accurately recorded campus events so that for years to come students could relive the many activities that built their future at Southwest.



Whispering Pines Staff

Renee Sansing, Brittney Alexander, Kim Cutrer; row 2, Amy Gazzo, Sponsor, Lucy Mercer, Philip Scheel, Tiffini Wells, and Josh Golmon, Editor



Staff member Kim Cutrer downloads student pictures and begins the process of organizing them on to yearbook pages while Philip Scheel and Lucy Mercer contemplate changing the color of the background of the layout they are proofing.



Yearbook staff members Tiffini Wells, Tory Burkett, Renee Sansing, and Josh Golmon read and correct proof pages before shipping them out. Proofing layouts is only one of the many time-consuming jobs staff members must do before the yearbook is complete.



Pine Burr

Campus Reporters

For the latest campus news, students had to look no further than the latest issue of the *Pine Burr*. With at least three publications each semester, the *Pine Burr* kept the student body abreast of current news.

As quickly as a paper "hit the stands," students snatched them up to read about current happenings, personal views and opinions, or upcoming events. The articles helped students stay informed about campus life.

Sponsored by Sharon Lawson, the *Pine Burr* enlisted staff members to track stories regarding educational programs, athletic events, cultural

events, and other campus and community events of interest.

Having a small staff placed more demands on each member as they attempted to bring the latest happenings on campus to print;

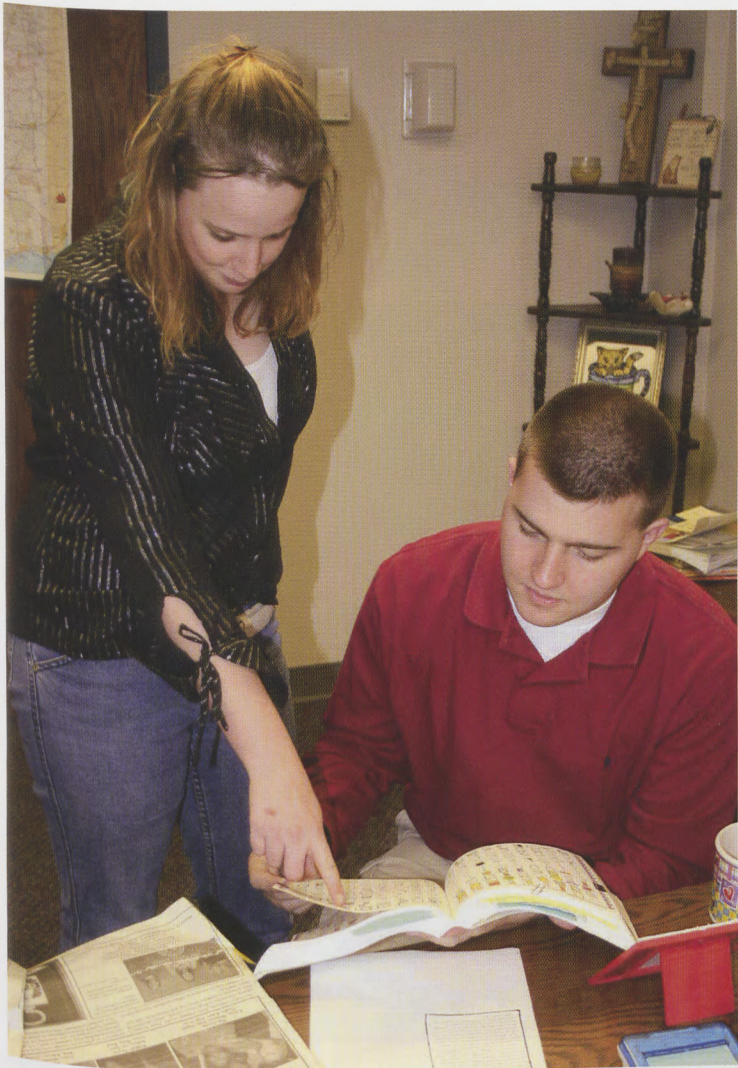
"Being a part of the Pine Burr enabled me to interact more with campus activities. I enjoyed writing and reading stories."

- Tiffini Wells, Pine Burr Reporter

however, those dedicated to the field of journalism enjoyed the work and sought the benefits of the job. "Being a part of the *Pine Burr* enabled me to

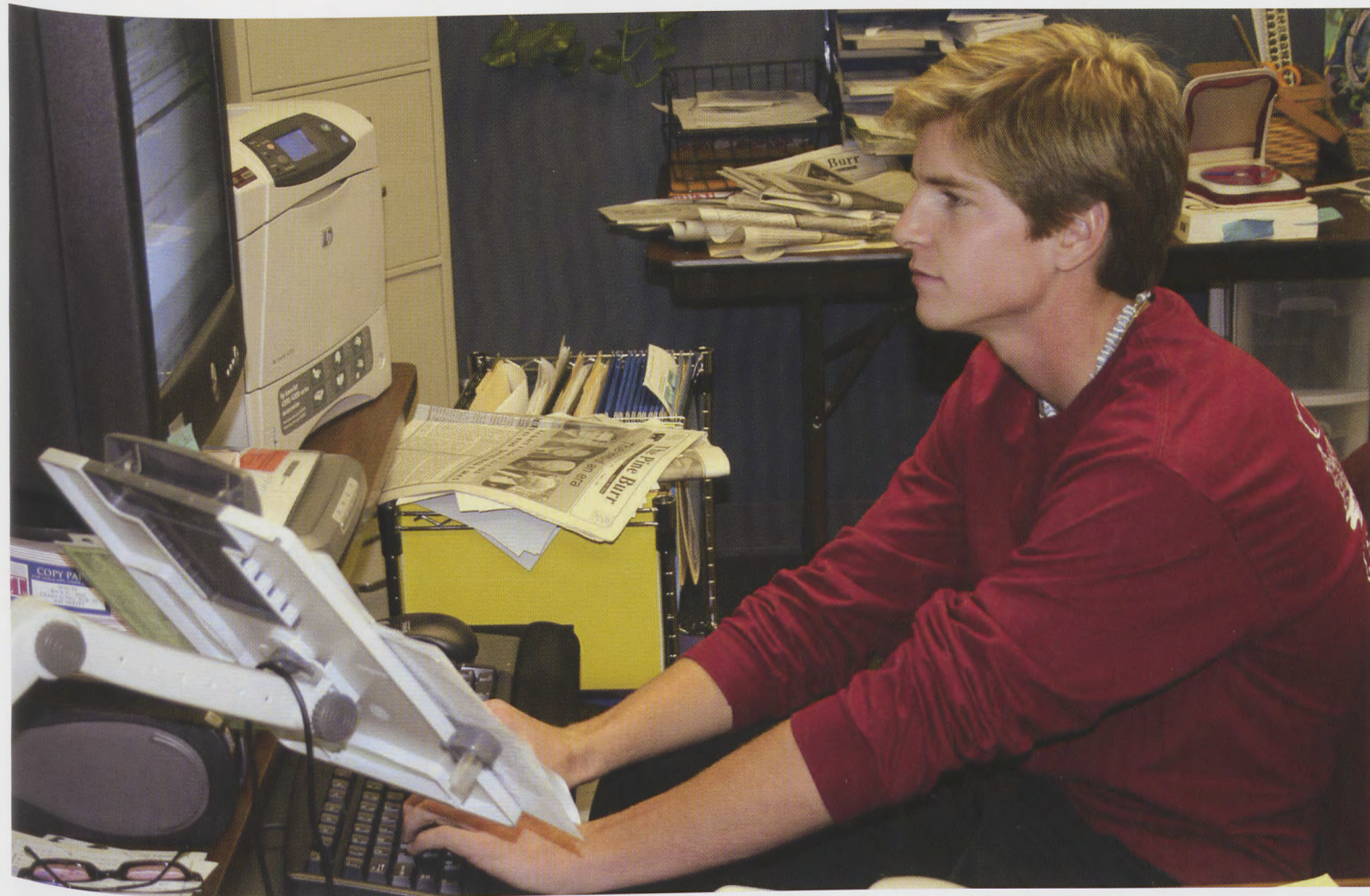
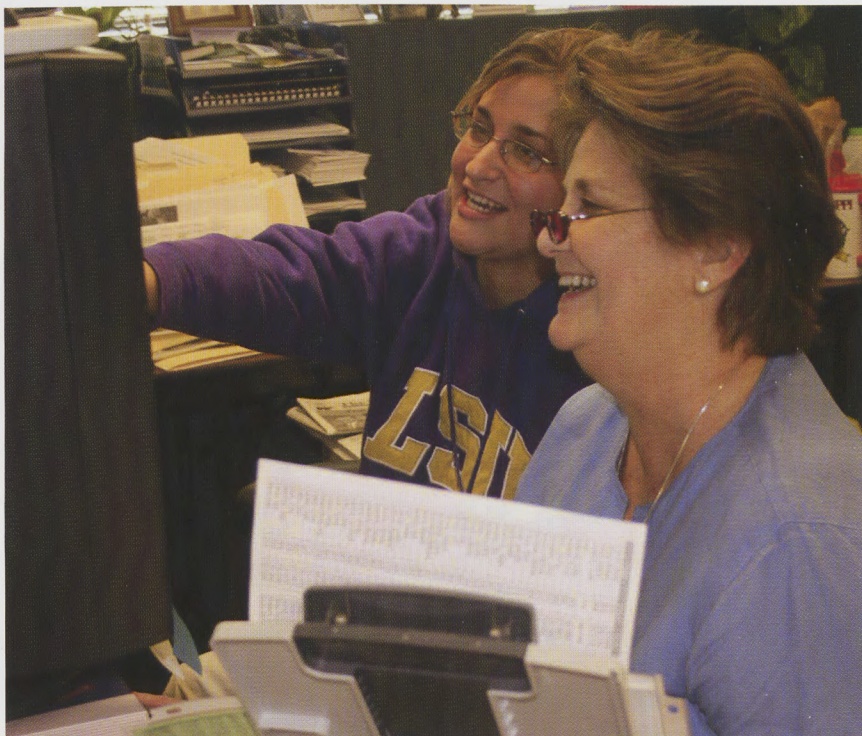
interact more with campus activities. I enjoyed writing and reading stories," said staff writer Tiffani Wells.

Throughout the year, the staff worked hard to meet the challenges of putting together a college newspaper. Through their efforts, staffers gained a basic understanding of how daily newspapers are formed, strengthened their writing skills, learned the basics of Quark Software and how it is used for a newspaper layout, and formed an appreciation for the demands of journalism. Building these skills provides staff members a foundation for a future in the journalism field.



Pine Burr staffers Pamela Stinson and Brooks Smith choose clip art to accompany their story for the paper.

Instructor Sharon Lawson and staff member Lucy Mercer prove that learning can be fun as Lucy learns how to use Quark software for the paper.



Meeting deadlines can be stressful, but staff member Taylor Fortinberry keeps his cool as he types his article for the *Pine Burr*.

Choir

Music Makers

For those with a true singing talent or those who just appreciate music, the choir had a place for you.

Directed by Joe Elliott, the choir remained busy during the year with weekly practices to help students improve in their performance as individuals and a group.

Throughout the year the choir staged performances singing to various churches and organizations. Practices also prepared students for their own performances, including a Fall and Spring Concert. In

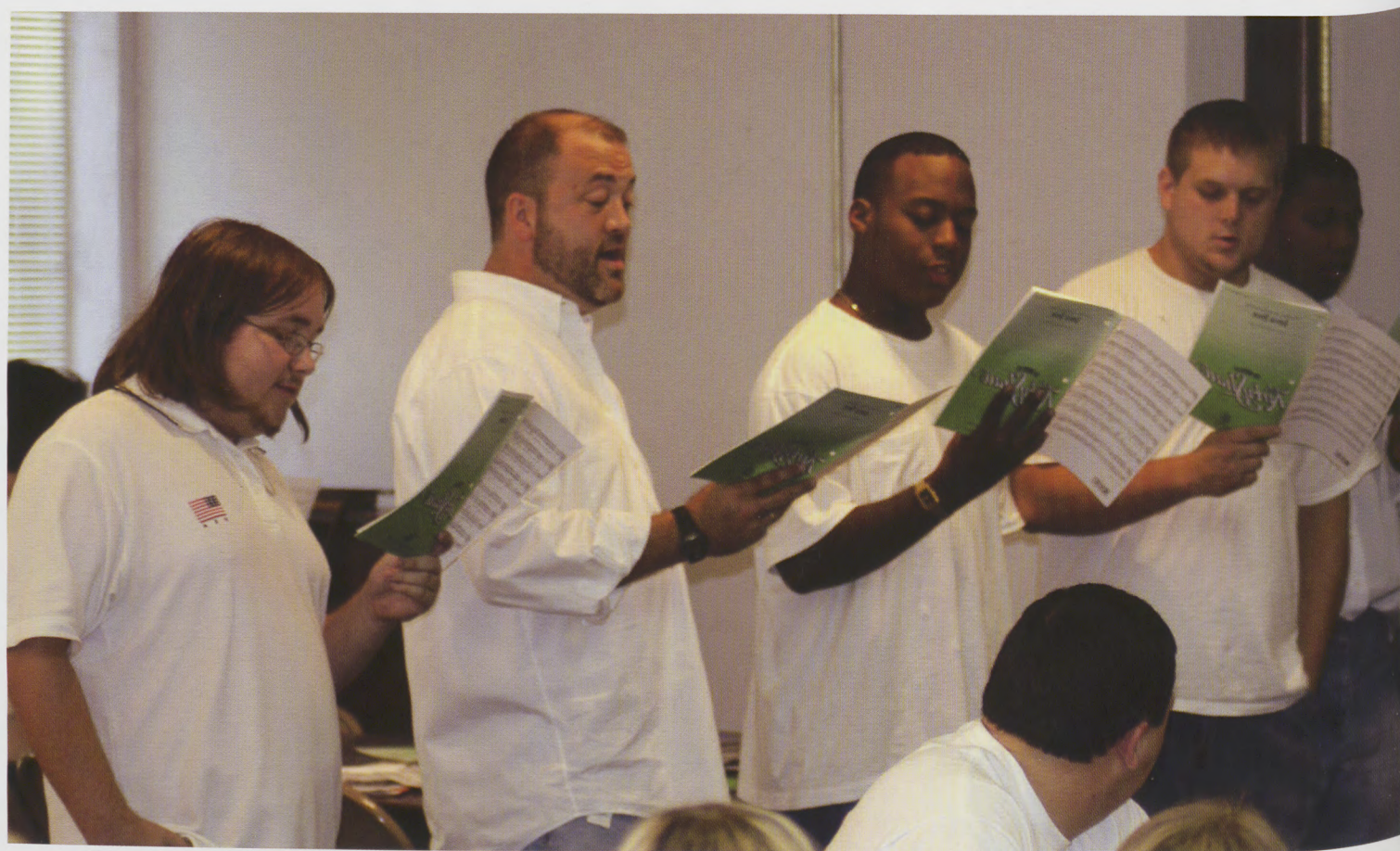
"Not only does the choir enable me to sing songs of today, but it also teaches different languages and different styles of music."

- Brittney Alexander, Choir member

addition, choir members accompanied the Stage Band in the Christmas and Spring Stage Band Show performances.

Through joining the choir, students had opportunities to build their skills as vocalists and entertainers while being exposed to various genres of music. "Not only does the choir enable me to sing songs of today, but it also teaches different languages and different styles of music," said member Brittney Alexander. Through practices and performances SMCC choir members promoted their talent as vocalists as well as enhanced their musical appreciation.

Pianist Mera Hall and Director Joe Elliott lead the choir during their annual Fall Concert.



Choir members Johnny Claibourn, Instructor Joe Elliott, Bradley Johnson, and Cody Cameron entertain BSU members during a lunch time performance.

Choir students put on a show for a packed crowd during this year's Fall Concert. This year's group consisted of the Concert Choir, Southwest Singers, and SMCC Voice Students.



Christmas Stage Band Show

Stage Performers

Christmas time means show time on Southwest's campus. People in southwest Mississippi and the surrounding area know that the best way to get into the Christmas spirit is to come see and sing along to the annual Stage Band Christmas show.

From the candle lit opening number "Personent Hodie," with the choir and trumpet ensemble, the audience remained captivated until the Christmas farewell ending number, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The show was filled with non-stop action featuring Stage Band

members, dancers, and musicians in instrumental and traditional numbers like "Little Drummer Boy," "Twelve Days of Christmas," and "Rudolf."

The crowd heard from the Steel Drum Band, one of only two such bands in the state, as they performed "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," "Silent Night," and "Pan Christmas." The addition of the steel drums gave traditional Christmas songs a new twist and so did the lively drummers who danced and twisted while playing.

Even Santa refused to miss the excitement. Dropping in during the

Saturday night performance, he delighted the children by bringing a present for each child.

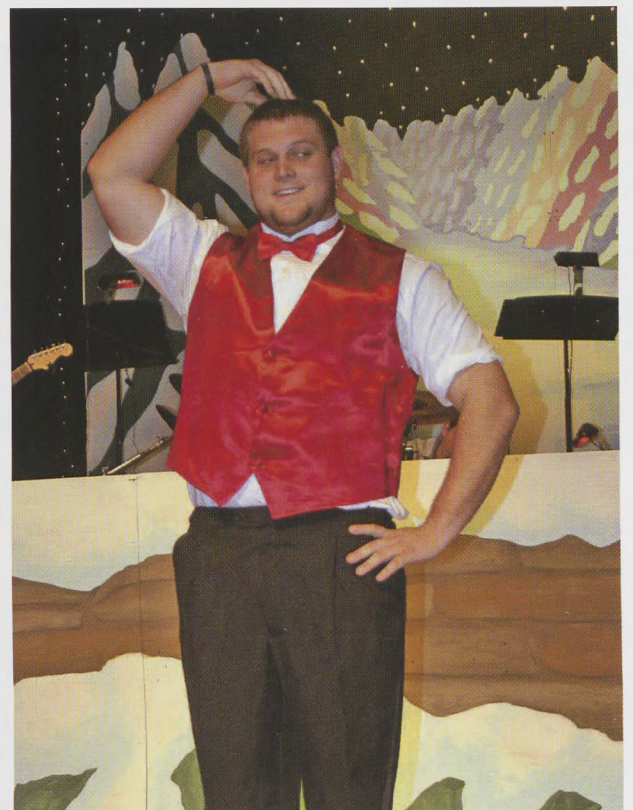
However, Santa wasn't the only guest. Performers Paul Ott and the Great Beginnings Preschool Dancers also entertained the audience during select shows.

By the end of each performance, many had heard their favorite Christmas carol and many had even sung along. For certain, all left with the Christmas spirit building in their hearts as they looked forward to celebrating Christmas with their families.



Ginger Upshaw, Bradley Johnson, and Brittney Alexander blend their vocal talents together singing "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy."

Whitney Thompson, Ashley Sasser, Brittney Alexander, Bradley Johnson, Cody Cameron, Robert Bullock, Allen Pope, Kristi Powell, Johnny Claibourn, Casey Casanova, Ginger Upshaw, and Dale Brumfield hit their final note in "Let it Snow."

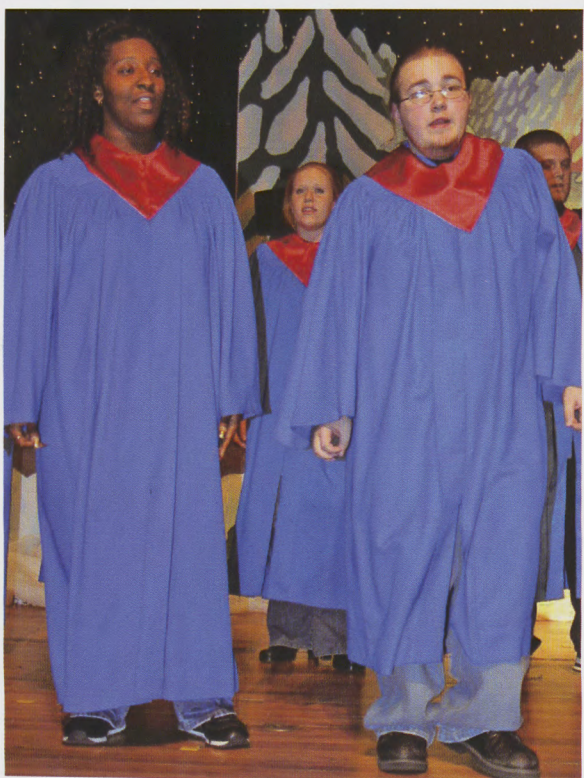


Beth Frederick, Johnny Claibourn, Ginger Upshaw, Ashley Sasser, Robert Bullock, Whitney Thompson, Brittney Alexander, Cody Cameron, Casey Casanova, Kristi Powell, Bradley Johnson, Jonathan Wood, and Allen Pope sing the "Waltz of the Flowers."

Posing as a "partridge in a pear tree," Cody Cameron keeps the audience in stitches as he pantomimes "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Christmas Traditions Continue . . .

Stage Band Show

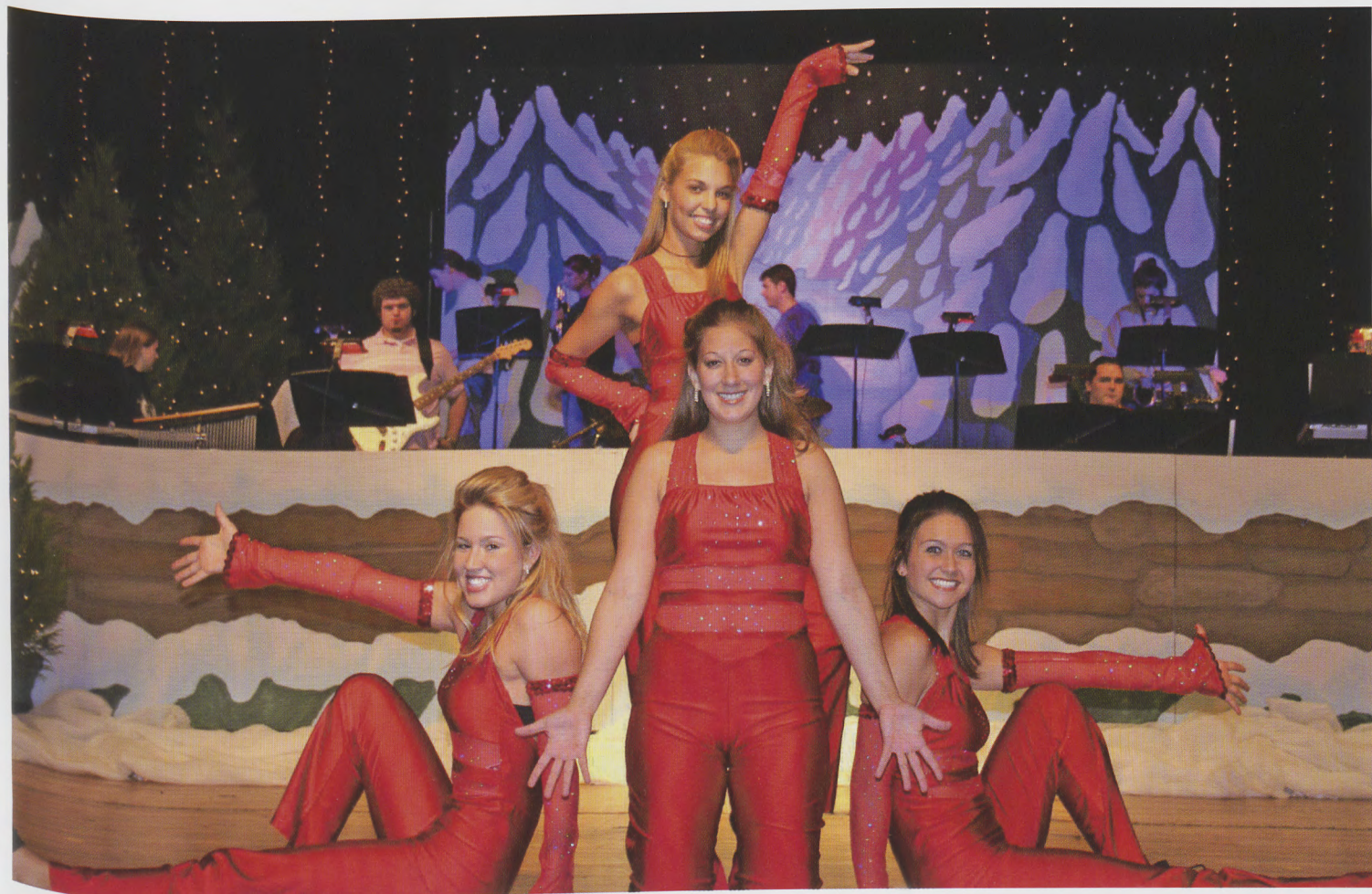
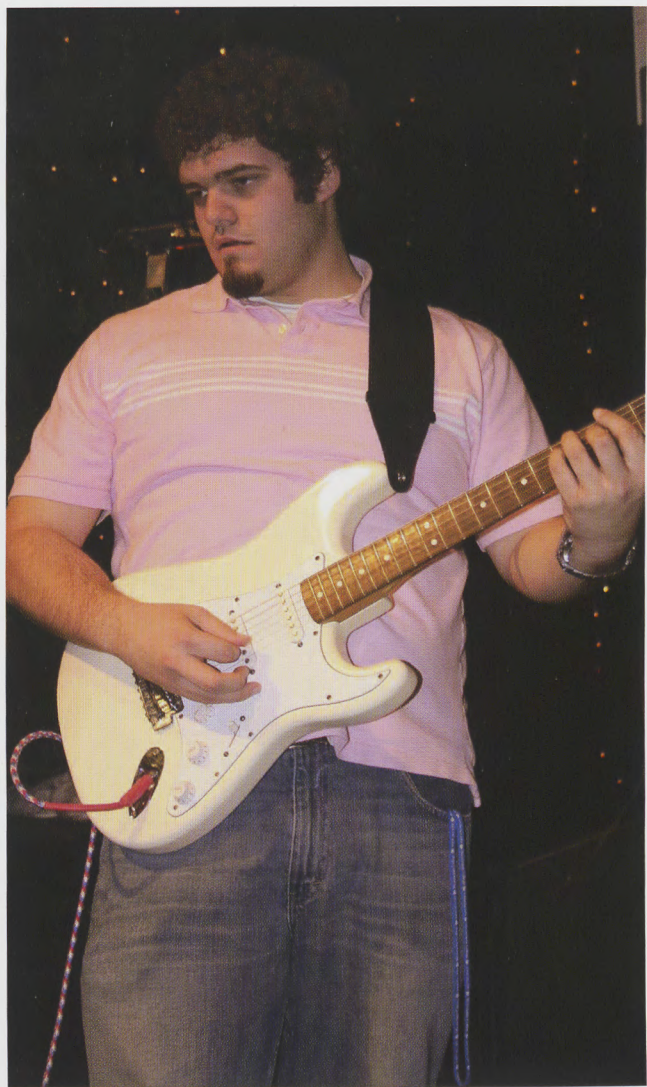


Southwest Singers Kristi Powell and Allen Pope sing and keep in step while Shanonda Williams and Johnny Claibourn sing and sway to "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy."



Soloist Cody Cameron pleads with the audience to "Please Come Home for Christmas."

Drummer Chad Schell and guitarist Matt McGuffie entertain the audience with the Christmas favorite "Jingle Bells."



Ashley Sasser, Kristen Allen, Whitney Tallarico, and Kristi Powell breathe a sigh of relief as they strike their final pose of the number "Funky Ol' St. Nick."

Marching Band

Equipped with a new director, Carson Vermillion, the Southwest Marching Band prepared for another season of halftime performances and marching in Christmas parades. From practicing in the band room to practicing on the field, this group knew how to handle hard work.

To build success, Marching Band had to endure long hours of practice, often times in extreme temperatures to perfect every number. Despite the difficulty, Marching Band members conquered all challenges. "This year the band had to go the extra mile because of the decrease in size; however, even presented with this obstacle, it did not hinder the remaining band members' determination and drive to be successful," said Drum Major, Linzee McGinnis.

With their determination and drive, band members performed this year's halftime show, "Music of the '70's," proving that hard work pays off. The performance began with the band playing "Bohemium Rhapsody," "That's the Way I like It," and

"Play That Funky Music." The tempo continued with "Carry on Wayward Son," and "Stayin' Alive." The band closed with Queen's timeless classic "Bohemium Rhapsody" featuring horn soloist Nick Gatlin. Adding to the performance were

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- Linzee McGinnis, Drum Major

vocalists Allen Pope, Casey Casanova, Ginger Upshaw, Whitney Thompson, and Brittney Alexander.

Although the halftime show came to a close, students, faculty, and fans had another opportunity to hear and see some of these performers again in the annual Christmas stage band show.

Drum Major

Linzee McGinnis

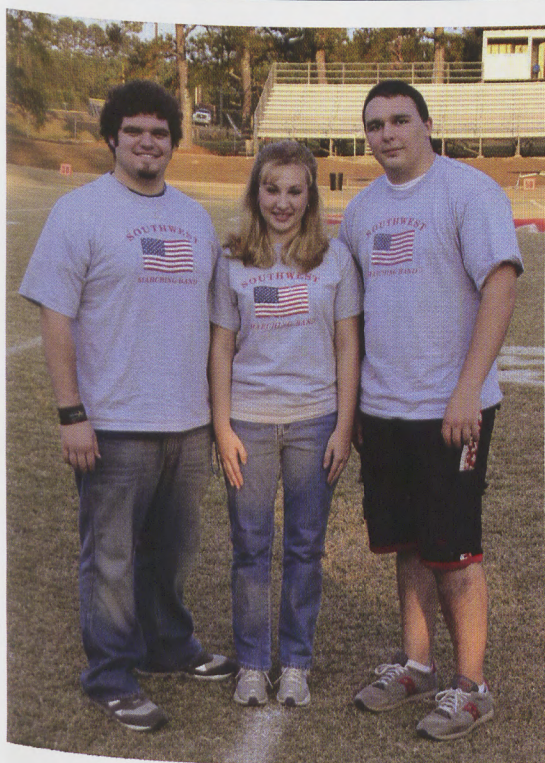


SMCC Band



Crew

Charles Veal, Ginger Upshaw, Dale Wheat; row 2, Mitch Hoppe, Blake Emfinger, Antonio Turner, Grant Rainey



Rhythm

Matt McGuffie, Brooke White, Grant Rainey

Brass and Woodwinds

Mary Downs, Allen Pope, Lindsay Sterling, Dale Brumfield, Darrius Harris, Nick Gatlin, Daniel Arnold; row 2, Jeremy Mote, Laura Harris, Regina Walker, Jennifer McKissick, Rebekah Boggs-Gray, Jennifer Dowell, Sheleisa Mays



Percussion

Jessica Wheat, Mike Graves, Jonathan Wood, Casey Casanova, Chad Schell, Ricardo Miller

Dance Line

Kristi Powell, Coty Stinson, Ashley Sasser; row 2, Whitney Thompson, Megan Gill, Whitney Tallarico, Haley Boyd, and Brittney Alexander



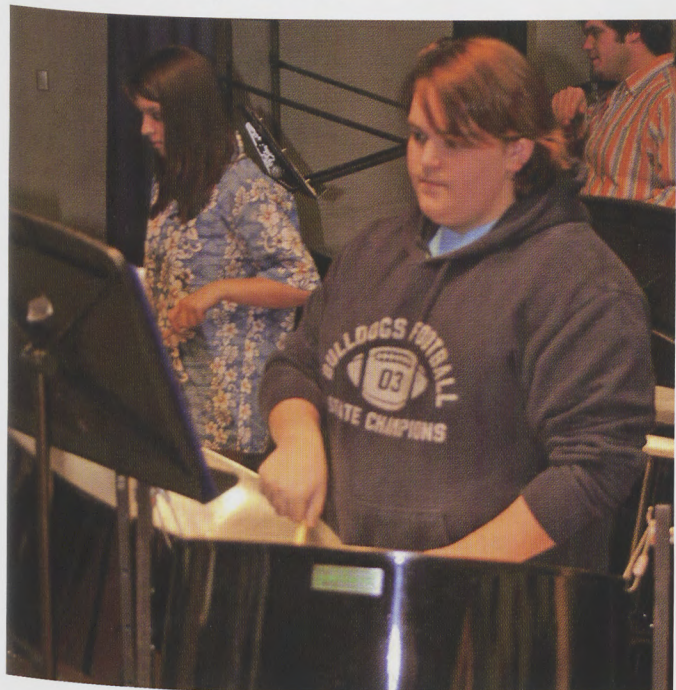
Flag Line

Kristen Allen, Jessica Morse;
row 2, Becky White, Brittany
Spears, Bianca Jagers, Beth
Frederick



The beat goes on . . .

Steel Drum Band member Jennifer McKissick follows the notes while practicing for the Stage Band show.



W Marching and Steel Drum Bands

With its unique south of the border style, the SMCC Steel Drum Band has a sound all its own.

Holding the distinction as one of only two bands in the state, the Steel Drum Band made its debut in December 2001 at the Stage Band's annual Christmas show, and it has been stealing the shows ever since.

**"Being a member of the Steel Drum Band has been a new experience and an enjoyable challenge."
- Jessica Wheat, Steel Drum Band member**

However, prior to their time at Southwest, many Steel Drum Band members had never even heard of a steel drum not to mention ever played one. Faced with the challenge of introducing a new instrument to his band members, Director Carson Vermillion set forth to teach his students how to create the sounds of a steel drum band. "Being a member of the Steel Drum Band has been a new experience and an enjoyable challenge," said Steel Drum Band member Jessica Wheat.

The challenge of playing the steel drum equaled success as the band entertained the Stage Band audience playing "Silent Night," "Pan Christmas," and "Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy."

Who would have thought that a steel drum could have such a distinctive, south of the border sound, but it does and everyone loved it!



Steel Drum Band

Jade Hess, Jessica Wheat, Regina Walker, Jessica Bowser; row 2, Amber Forrest, Chad Schell, Jennifer McKissick; row 3, Matt McGuffie, Vicki Deere, and Daniel Arnold

Bryn Meredith delivers a strike to Nielsen Chao (batter) and Justin Hay (catcher) as Lindsey Lang at short stop waits to make a play.



Through learning how to be victorious and in playing to win, Bear players built their team's foundations on teamwork, sacrifice, training, long suffering, dedication, and cooperation to reap the benefits of excellency both on and off the playing surface. From extreme summer heat to winter frost, athletes ran sprints, exercised, lifted weights, executed plays, and hustled into position to be the best individually and work cooperatively as a winning team. However, after years of anticipation of playing collegiate sports and months of practice on collegiate courts, fields, or diamonds, Southwest athletes experienced a range of emotions leading from the joy of victory to the agony of defeat. Despite the final outcome on the scoreboard, these players learned that through hard work and determination each athletic endeavor served as a learning experience, a challenge, and an opportunity to build life long lessons.

Athletics



With the guidance of Coach Dancisin, Michael Watts perfects his swing.

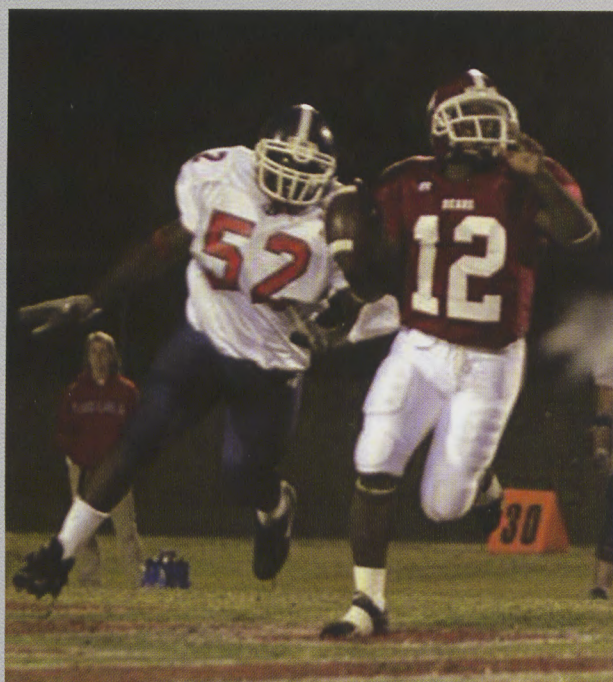


Coach Ryan Ross makes final adjustments before sending the Bears back to the field.



With two Pearl River Wildcats hot on his trail, Robert Jackson keeps the ball in his possession as he heads for the goal.

2005 Southwest Bears



With an Itawamba player hot on his trail, Quarterback Fred Jones gets ready to throw the ball deep to wide receiver Edgar Givens.

Season Scores

	Us	Them
Hinds	19	13
Jones	19	20
Gulf Coast	34	31
Pearl River	7	40
Itawamba	13	24
Co-Lin	37	16
East Central	20	17

Season Record . . . 4-3

Aaron Ammons, Antron Dillon, and Alonzo Higgins tackle an East Central running back for a loss of yardage.

Trey Douglas blocks for Brett Hicks' punt.



Football

**Hardwork and dedication build a
winning season in . . .**

Linebacker Brushon Barnes along with other Bear defenders zeroes in on an Itawamba player.



Running back Marcus Crockett sprints to the goal line.



Wide receiver Edward Gant fights for the pass from quarterback Fred Jones.

After receiving the ball, wide receiver Jesse Burton goes for a first down against Co-Lin.



SMCC Football . . .

Builds an excellent season record

The Bears entered the 2005 season ready to show off their high powered offense. With the season opener fast approaching, Hurricane Katrina proved otherwise, temporarily derailing the Bears from getting onto the field. Although Katrina was more than expected, nothing could keep the Bears from achieving their goal of a winning season.

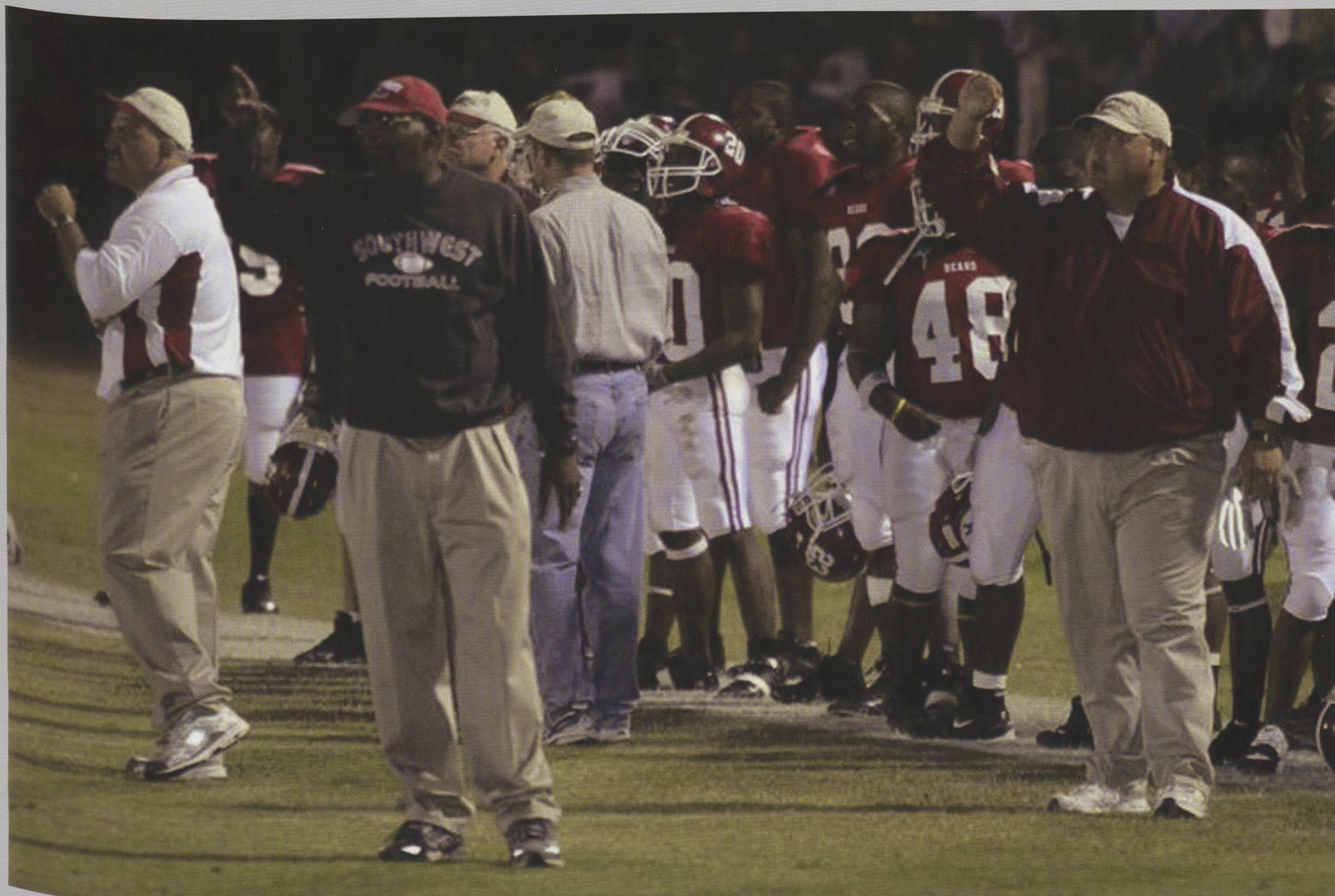
From the start, the season kicked off with a bang with the team beating 17th ranked Hinds. The Bear offense was exceptional, but the defense was stellar picking off three Hinds passes.

The Bears moved on to upset number 15th ranked Gulf Coast 34-31. With the win, Head Coach Dom Greene said, "It's the proudest I've ever been in my seven years here." Beating Gulf Coast moved the Bears to 2-1 in the season, building excitement among the Southwest campus and surrounding communities.

The Bears trudged through the middle of their schedule with losses to Pearl River and Itawamba but regained their early season rhythm reeling off wins against Co-Lin and East Central. With the win against East Central, the Bears secured their first winning season since 2000.

Finishing the season with a 4-3 mark overall and a third place finish in the South Division, eight players and the coaching staff were chosen to participate in the All Star game where the winning streak continued. Playing in Boonesville, Mississippi, the All Star Team won 28-7.

Even with all the wins, the Bears continue looking toward the future. With fifteen sophomores on the 2005 squad, they will return forty players next season. Their knowledge coupled with the incoming freshman's readiness promises that the Bears will be ready to go when the lights are kicked on next fall.



Coaching Staff Dom Green, Paul Dancisin, Ken Miller, and Doug Lucas call the defensive play against Itawamba homecoming night.

SMCC Football

Coaching Staff

Ken Miller, Defensive Back;
Paul Dancisin, Defensive
Line; Ryan Ross, Offensive
Coordinator; Ed (Tank)
Bonaventure, Equipment
Manager; Doug Lucas,
Defensive Coordinator; Dom
Green, Offensive Line and
Head Coach



Defensive Lineman

Antron Dillon, Derrell Nichols, Alvin Fosselman, Quazendre Veal; row 2, Ernel Higgenbotham, James Henderson, Brian Little, Aaron Ammons; row 3, Coach Paul Dancisin



Defensive Backs

John Alexander, Glover Quinn, Craig Fox, Mario Odom, Sam Pope; row 2, Coach Kenny Miller, Ricky Williams, Trey Douglas, Syrus Finn, Ronald Robertson

Kickers
Tucker Hoge, Will Gipson; row 2, Coach Dom Green, Brett Hicks



Quarterbacks and Running Backs
Fred Jones; row 2, Gregg Williams, Kemarte Brown; row 3, Sam Reed, Marckus Crockett, Tony McCray; row 4, Coach Ryan Ross

Offensive Lineman
Chase Carmody, Justin Sandford, Dwight Shaffer, Desmond Gardner, Marcus Holmes; row 2, Theo Stallings, Walt Arnold, Blake Fenn, Cody Cameron, Kelvin Williams, Coach Dom Green



Wide Receivers
Edward Gant, Jahdsman Parker, Edgar Givens, Jessie Burton; row 2, Kedrick Herring, Randy Moody, Quentrelle Green; row 3, Coach Ryan Ross



Linebackers
Rayfield Youngblood, Daren Eason, Judd Honea; row 2, Shawn Mercelous, Scooter White, Justin Duckworth, Chez Bellock; row 3, Alonzo Higgins, Cameron Hamilton, Tristan Dunomes, Brushon Barnes, Coach Doug Lucas

Bears' Basketball

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Lady Bears' Basketball

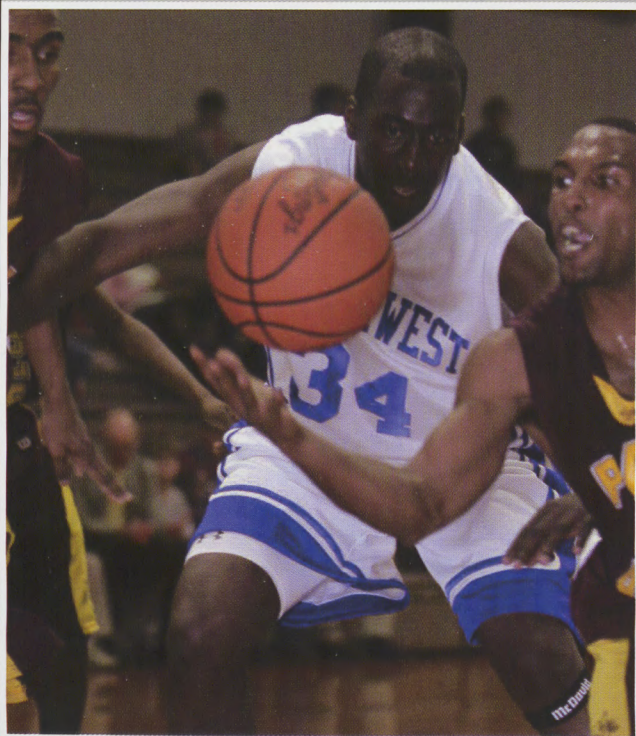
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Meridian
Pearl River

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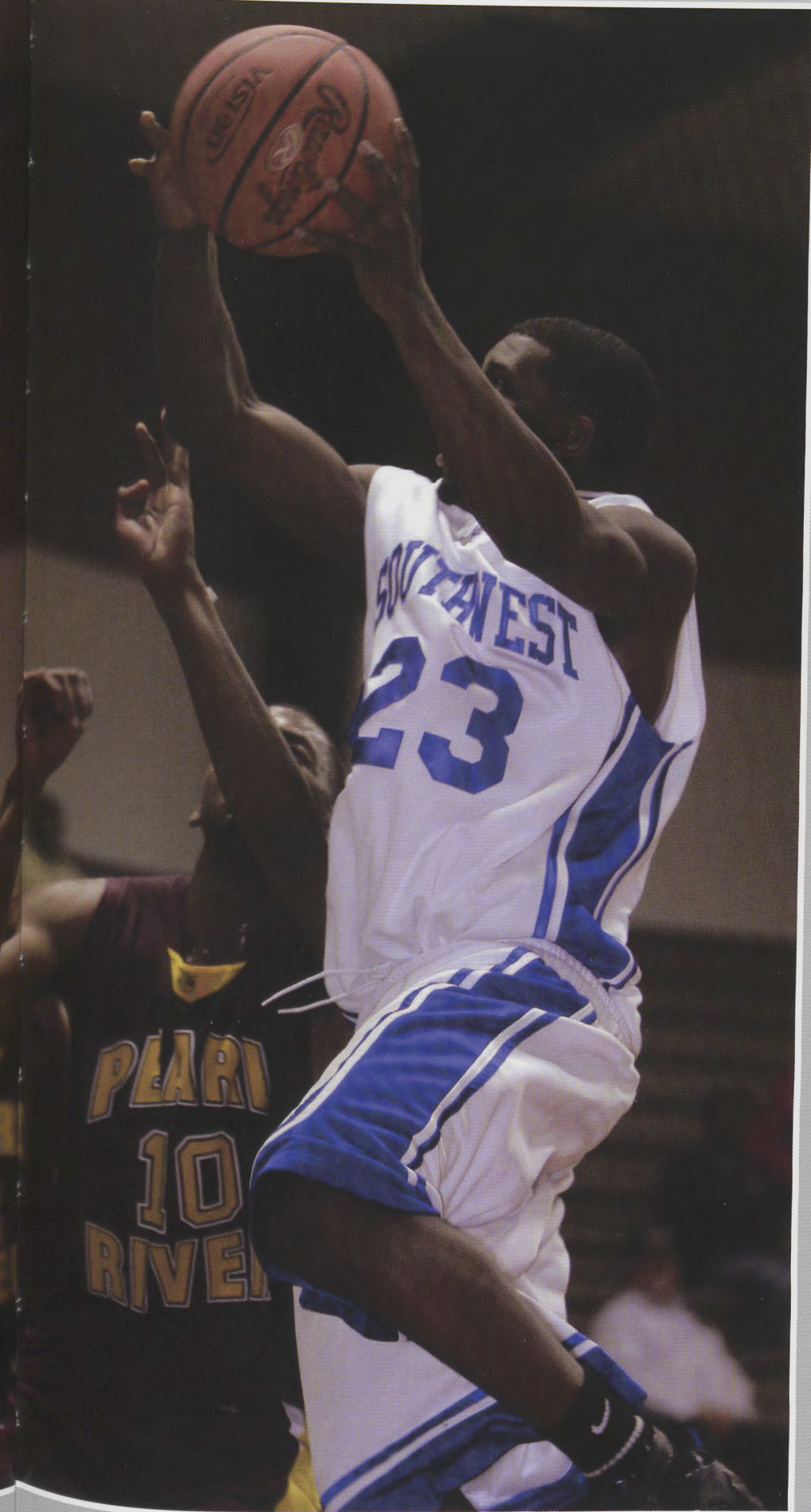
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Dribbling to the goal, Greg Hughes concentrates on making the basket.

With the ball in her posession, Yalanda Grady dominates the court.



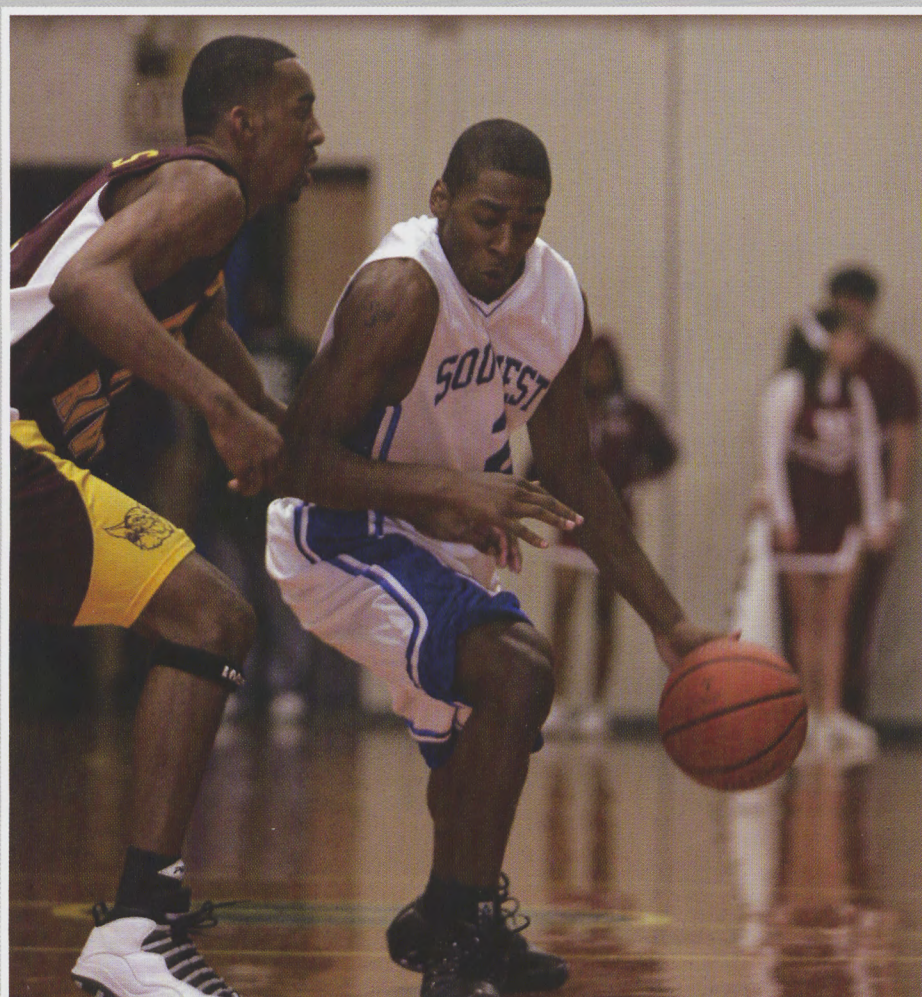


With a Pearl River Wildcat fighting for the ball, Kendrick Grayson keeps his focus and drives toward the goal.

Basketball

**With a good attitude and a will to work,
the Bears rebuild their skills in . . .**

Bryan Phelps dribbles past a Pearl River Wildcat defender while Bobby Steptoe shoots from downtown.



SMCC Bears . . .

Rebuild their team and gain court experience

With a clear "swoosh" of the ball through the net, basketball season came to a start November 3. Bear fans packed the bleachers ready to see their team in the midst of hot hoop action.

But, with the loss of all five of the team's starters and the loss of 14 out of 15 players on the roster from last season, the odds were stacked against the Bears before the season even began. "We're kind of in a rebuilding mode," head basketball coach Bill Wallace remarked. "We're very inexperienced, but they have a good attitude, and they've been willing to work."

The Bears' hard work paid off during pre-season scrimmages against Co-Lin and Jones; however, the winning streak ended with the season opener against Mississippi Delta as the team suffered their first loss 66-54.

With a home turf advantage, the Bears almost pulled off their first victory of the season against Mississippi Delta. With Vince Edwards' 12-foot basket from the left baseline, the Bears had a 47-41 lead with 4:12 left in regulation against the visiting Trojans.

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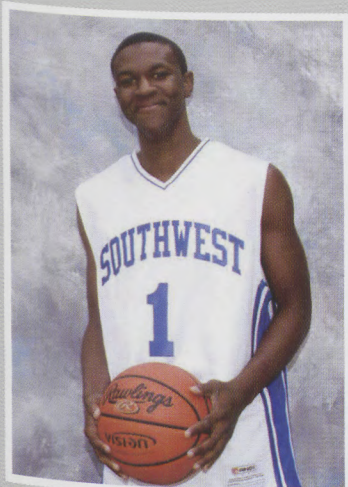
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Demarian Addison



Bryan Phelps



Oscar Rayford



Blake Schilling



Robert Jackson



Byron Diaz



Bobby Steptoe



Vince Evans



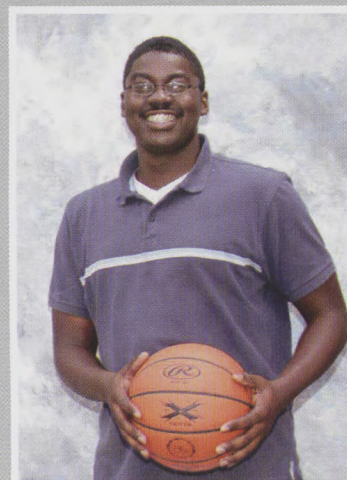
Kendrick Grayson



Greg Hughes



Eric Mitchell



Manager Jasper Howard

Clarissa Thompson gets in position making sure no Wildcats get past her.

Eboni Brumfield tries blocking the Lady Wildcats' shot in hopes of keeping them from scoring.



SMCC Lady Bears . . . Build Momentum on the Court

The Lady Bears started the season with high aspirations but came up short against Mississippi Delta. But, with a change of luck, the team came back strong defeating East Mississippi 67-64. Unfortunately, success did not stay for the Lady Bears as they dropped the third game of the season falling 77-64 against Holmes.

However, the Lady Bears bounced back starting a game winning streak. With Yalanda Grady scoring 16 points, Myoshi Pounds scoring 12, Conceita Cutrer scoring 8, and Mikah Armstrong scoring

7, the Lady Bears dominated the court beating Mississippi Delta 63-55.

The Lady Bears emerged victorious once again defeating Coahoma Community College 91-67, improving 3-2 in the season.

But, the luck stopped there as Northwest Community College nipped the Lady Bears' winning momentum. Trailing 30-26 at halftime, Michelle Cochran's 13 points and 7 rebounds along with Myoshi Pounds' 10 points couldn't pull the team out of the hole. The Lady Bears sank with a 72-64 defeat.

The Lady Bears rebounded as they added a win against Holmes 92-83. With 13:46 left in the second half, Alisha Lee's 3 gave the Lady Bears their largest lead at

56-43. Mikah Armstrong's trey from the right baseline gave the Lady Bears an 84-67 bulge with 2:20 left. However, Lee's two freebies with 14.4 seconds to go gave the Lady Bears an impressive 90-83 cushion.

"I was hoping our post would dominate," said head coach Mark Swindle. "We were trying to take advantage of that. That's where we won the game. They had a hard time guarding us (in the low post)."

The season continued with two wins against Southern Shreveport and Gulf Coast.

With six wins behind them, the Lady Bears look forward to conquering their next twelve opponents and heading to the state and regional tournaments.



Conceita Cutrer



Mikah Armstrong



Yalanda Grady



Stacey Morris



Brittany Fultz



Alisha Lee



Carmiel Gamble



Eboni Brumfield



Michelle Cochran



Clarissa Thompson



Myoshi Pounds



Coach Mark Swindle

2006 Baseball Team

Lindsey Lang, Tal Priest, Brandon Towery, Michael Lewis, Jeremy Wallace, Jarrod Dyson, Richie Field; row 2, Zach Colette, Drew Miller, Brandon Pearce, Jarrod Keen, Stephen Bryant, Matthew Hay, Lucas King; row 3, Neilson Choa, Chad Stone, Matthew Sessions, Bryn Meredith, Paul Faulkenberry, Jesse Boyd, Justin Hay, Pat Barnes



SMCC Baseball and Softball . . . Build Playing Power

Longer days and warmer temperatures signal the start of softball season.

Coach Doug Clanton in his second season returned two sophomores to the line-up hoping to capitalize on their experience and knowledge.

The Lady Bears prepared to display their talents on the diamond and embark on an eighteen game schedule. According to Coach Clanton, "We trained hard and worked hard during the off season. Physically we are far stronger than we were last year. Now we

just have to go out and use our skills."

The Lady Bears, known as the "Niners" because of their nine player team, are all set to show off their skills on the playing field.

With the expectation of hot backs and solid play, the Lady Bears are set for success.

With coaches giving direction on the diamond and the sounds of batting practice, the Bear baseball team moved into action, catching, covering bases, and throwing. The Bears, who are fundamentally sound, are eager to kick off their season opener on February 15th against East Mississippi. Coach

Butch Holmes is embarking on his third year at the helm of the Bears. Holmes rounds out his coaching staff with Pete Young and Steve Barrington. Young stated, "We had a very successful season last year and look forward to this year and making even bigger strides this season. The Bears have assembled a sound pitching staff for the 2006 season. As a coaching staff we feel like we have had a great recruiting year and really upgraded our pitching staff talent and depth."

The Bears have their sights set high for 2006 and expect to continue their commitment to excellence.

In preparation for the upcoming season, pitcher Jeremy Wallace and catcher Justin Hay put in some hours of practice.



Brynna Wallace practices her throw during one of the team's warm-up drills.



2006 Softball Team

Jessica Griffin, Amber Spence, Whitney Vince, Kaila Givens, Brynna Wallace; row 2, Coach Doug Clanton, Assistant Natasha Patterson, Lindsay Foreman, Lauren McGinnis, Robin Adams, and Assistant Krystle Thornton

Tennis Team

Chase Sorrell, Jordan Whitaker, Anna McCarty, Elizabeth Whetstone, Seth Netterville, Robert Glen Lord; row 2, Taylor Fortinberry, Haley Roberts, Mac Reeves, Gretchen Bufkin, Samantha Coon, and Ashley Easley



SMCC Golf and Tennis . . . Build Swift Swings

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ith the changing of seasons from winter to spring, sports enthusiasts direct their attention outdoors to the courts and fairways. Long before players serve the ball or tee off, the teams practiced and trained diligently in preparation for competition.

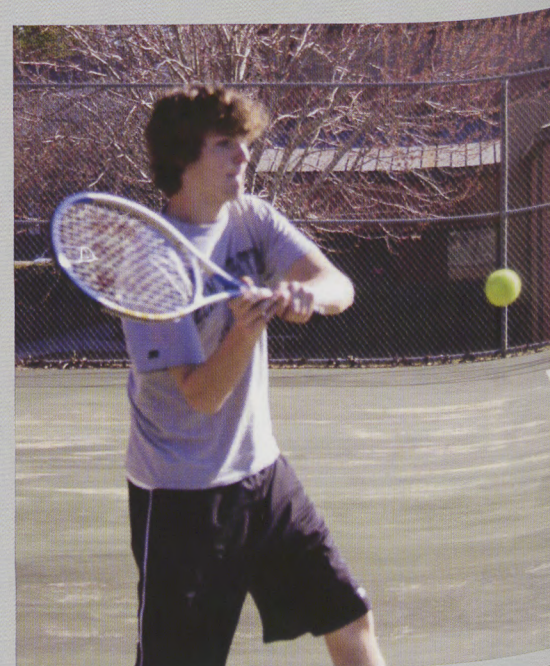
With four new players and only one returning player, the Southwest golf team, coached by Paul Dancisin, trained daily. Practicing at the beautiful Qual Hollow Golf Course, the team

improved their golf swings and enhanced their putting accuracy in hopes of achieving the state championship in division 3-A.

The tennis team, led by Coach Mark Swindle, headed to the courts sharpening their serves and controlling their backhands. With four returning players and seven newcomers and an experienced sixth year coach, this group looked forward to a successful ten match season.

After many hours of practice, both the golf and tennis teams were ready to showcase their skills.

Jeremy Lofton keeps his eye on the ball as he practices his swing.



With power and drive, Dale Brumfield prepares to follow through with his swing.



Golf Team

Kerry King, Michael Watts; Row 2, Jesse Smith, Taylor Fortinberry, and Carl Finch



With a single stroke, Jesse Smith's ball rolls toward the hole.



SMCC Cheerleaders . . .

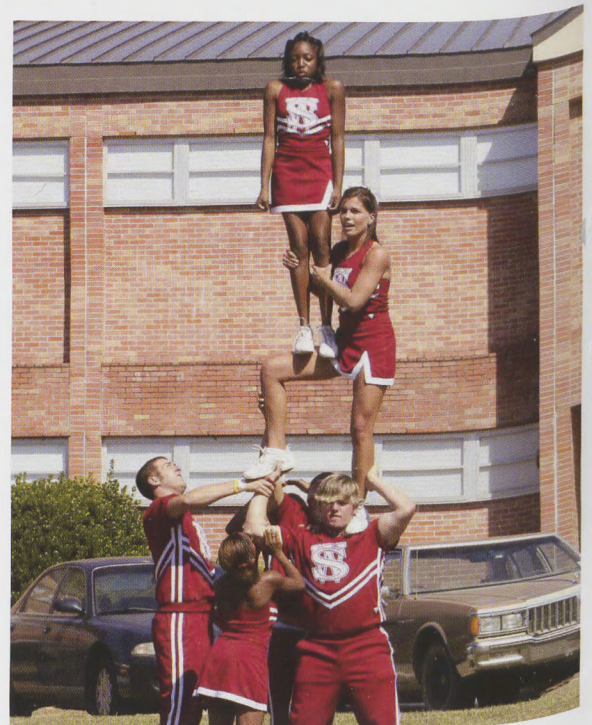
Build School Spirit

Throughout the year, cheerleaders took to the sporting arenas to support the Bears. They motivated players to make the plays and motivated fans to voice their support. Their moves in unison and their enthusiasm made their duties seem simple, but endurance was the name of the game.

The year began with a summer camp where cheerleaders learned and refined partner stunts, cheers, dance routines, and jumps. While at camp, cheerleaders won five awards including four Superior and one Excellent for cheer, sideline chants, and SMCC fight song.

However, cheerleading camp was only the beginning of a year filled with intense training and practice in preparation for pep rallies and the football and basketball seasons. Traveling from north Mississippi to the Gulf Coast for games created many late nights, often followed by early morning classes. Cheering in ponchos to stay dry or warm-up suits to stay warm challenged jumps and movement, but these thirteen cheerleaders along with the new Bear mascot and new sponsor Dawn Brumfield took to the challenge and despite conditions continued building school spirit.

Nathan Pierce, Kimbra Haynes, Daniel Owen, Samantha Coon, and Kenterra Haynes build homecoming spirit.





Nicole Boyd



Kayla Brumfield



Samantha Coon



Ginny Dancsisin



Meghan Gutter



Kenterra Haynes



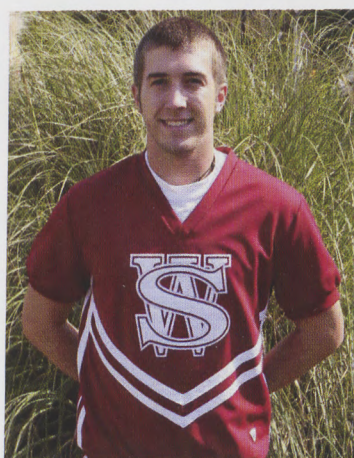
Kimbra Haynes



Corey Granger



Daniel Owen



Nathan Pierce



Corey Smith



Colby Summers



Barrett Wallace



Meredith McMorris



Southwest's cheerleaders have spirit. How about you? The cheerleaders lead the crowd in cheer, pumping up school spirit at the Homecoming pep rally.

"Bearing" the chilly weather, the dance line performs their fight song routine in the stands.



Part of college life is meeting new people, and with the many new and returning faces that adorned the campus, there were many people to meet. Most of these students came from within the district Southwest serves of Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson counties. Others came from states near and far such as: Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, South Carolina, Illinois, and Michigan. Regardless of where they were from, these students brought different dreams, ideas, opinions, talents, and knowledge to share, discover, and develop here at Southwest. These students brought a new dimension to campus full of energy, visions, hopes, and dreams. Together the students, Board members, administrators, staff, and faculty formed a family, a Bear family where each complemented the other to continue building educational excellence.

People



Brian Little and Kaila Givens cast their votes for Homecoming Queen while Stacey Hodges finds their names on the student list.



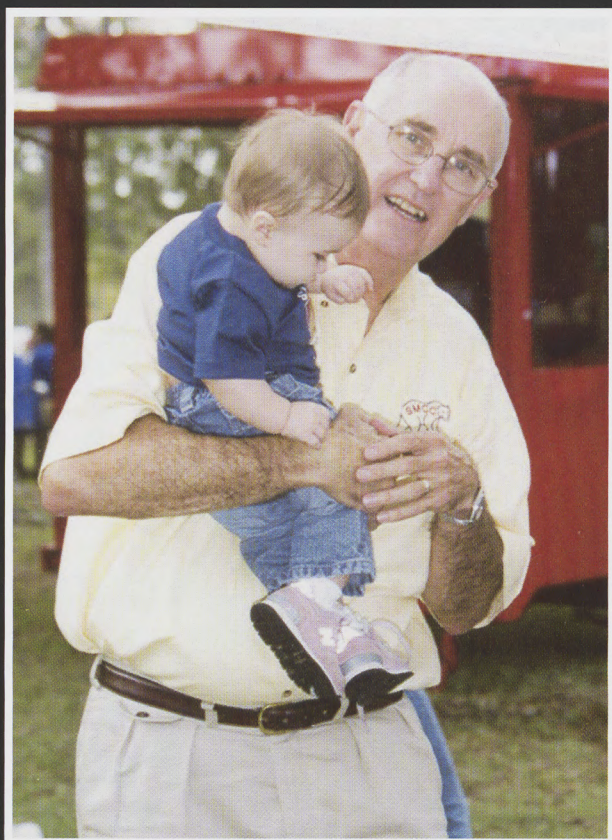
Finding a little quiet time outside the dorm, Brushon Barnes glances over his notes before heading to class.



Momma Bear Carol Ann McMorris catches up with her little bear Meredith McMorris before Meredith heads to the sidelines to cheer on her favorite football team - The Bears!

At the Discover Southwest Night Tailgate Party, President Young introduces grandson Mason Spring to the campus.

President Young welcomes students to Southwest and encourages all to stay focused in the classroom at the first assembly of the year.



President Young Takes Charge building Southwest's future

July 1, 2005 Dr. Oliver Young became Southwest's seventh president. Although his title as "president" was new, his commitment to building Southwest's excellence was not.

Since his graduation from Southwest in 1963, President Young has had strong ties with the institution. In 1966, he served as an assistant basketball coach to then Coach Horace Holmes, while also teaching math and biology. In 1995, Young was named Director of Financial Aid while maintaining his teaching and coaching responsibilities. In 2000, Young assumed the Dean of Students position at Southwest. In 2004, he was promoted to the Dean of Instruction position.

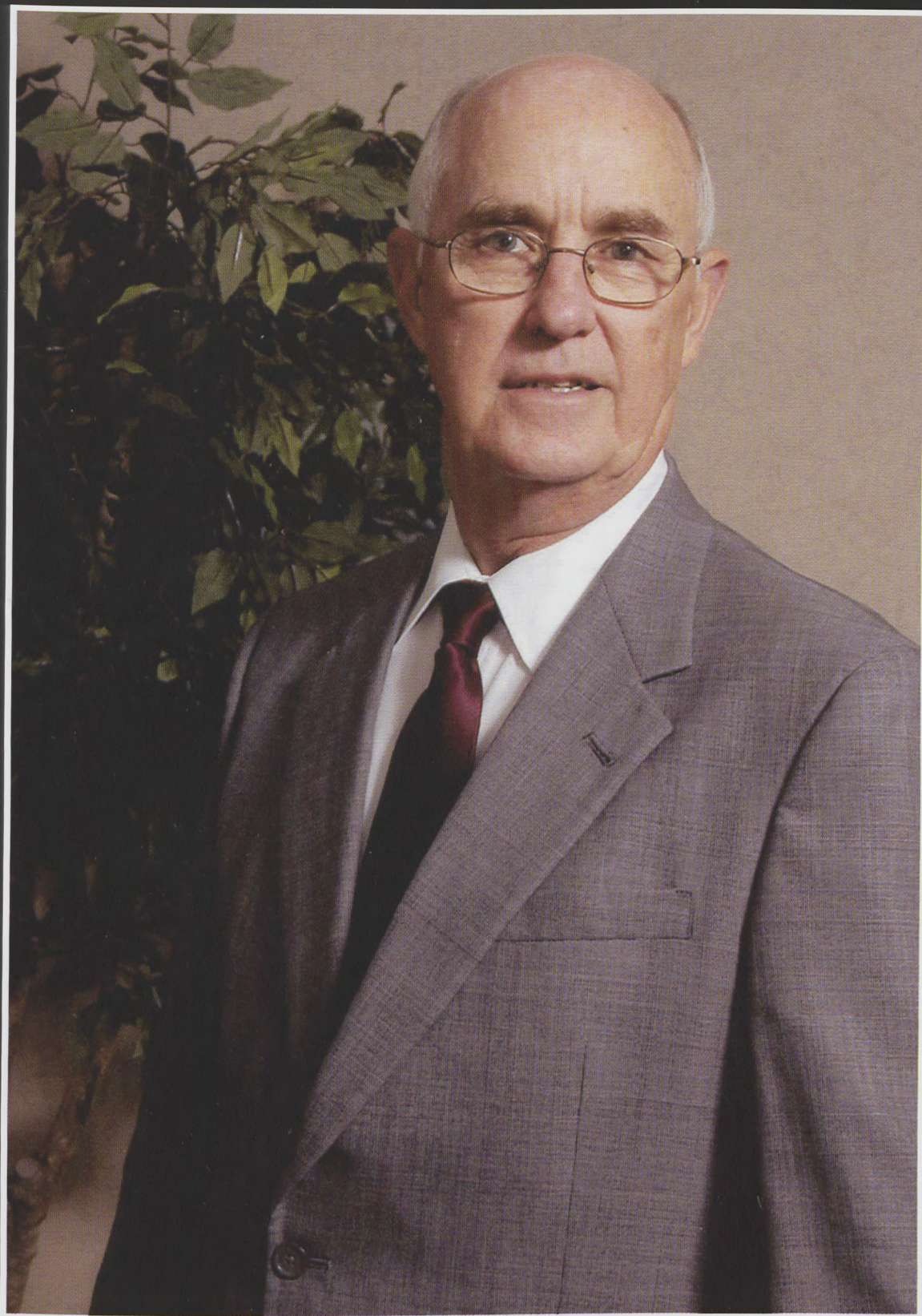
In March 2005, Young was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees to lead the school as president. Upon his approval as president, Young wasted no time in laying the foundation for future success at Southwest.

He introduced two new programs to Southwest: the massage therapy program and the medical billing and coding program. He expanded the Licensed Practical Nursing program by hiring three new instructors. He also added a soccer team to Southwest's athletic programs.

Aesthetically, the campus has seen several improvements such as a bell tower which is currently being constructed to serve as a weather alarm system, a class bell system, and will be capable of playing programmable music.

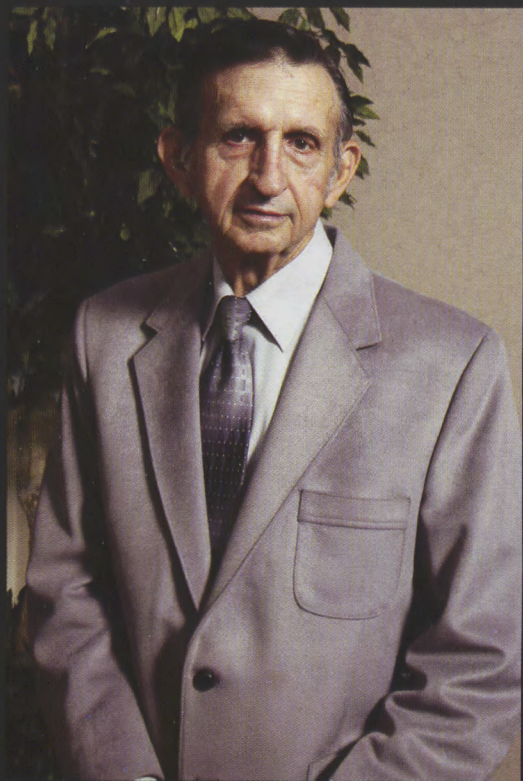
Renovations to the W.S. Bryant Math and Science Building, Brumfield Building, and the old cafeteria have taken place. A new softball and soccer field are under construction. Young implemented a campus wide telecommunications system, and to cut energy costs, the Southwest campus was outfitted with an energy conservation system.

With the emergence of so many changes, one thing remains the same - President Young's commitment to education. His overall goal is continuing to focus on providing a quality education to all students at Southwest. With President Young as Southwest's leader, we will continue our commitment to excellence while educating tomorrow's leaders.



President Oliver Young

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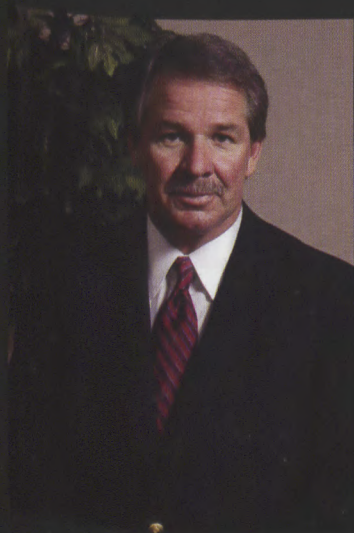
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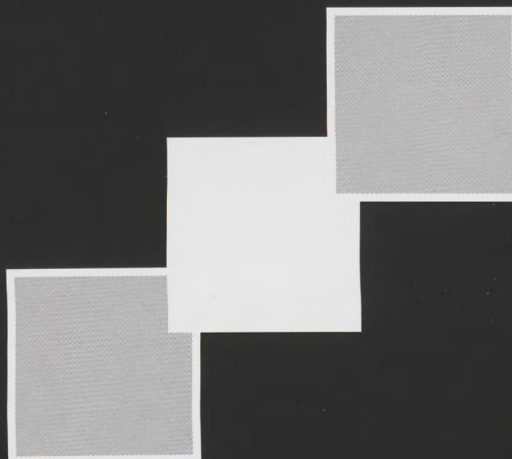
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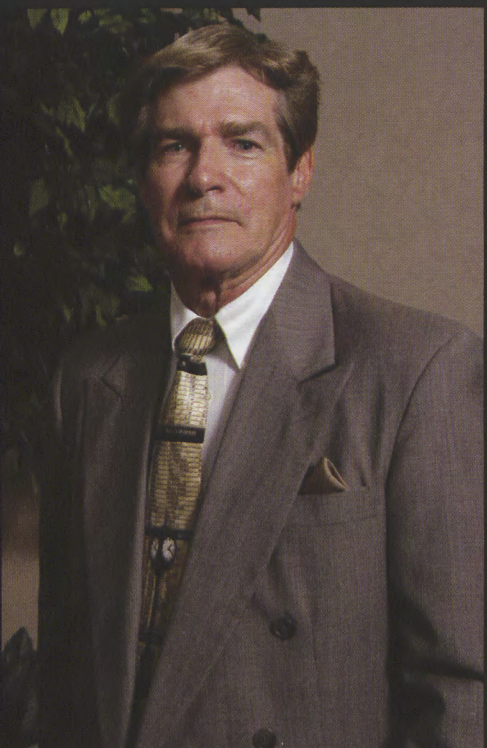
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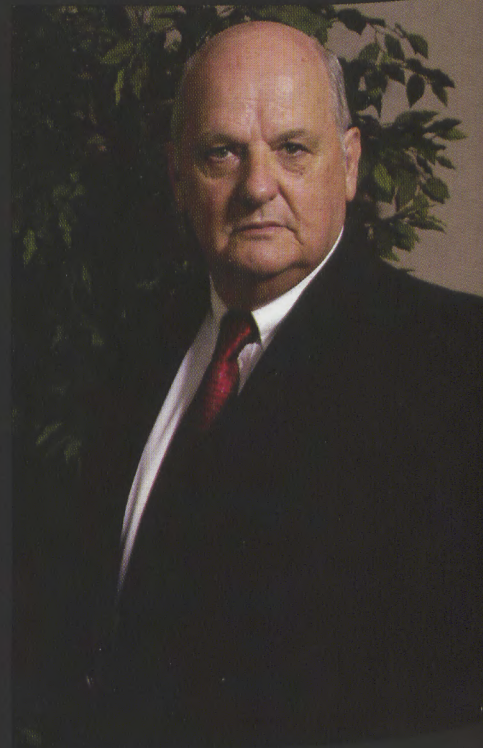
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English/Librarian
Dr. Steve Bishop
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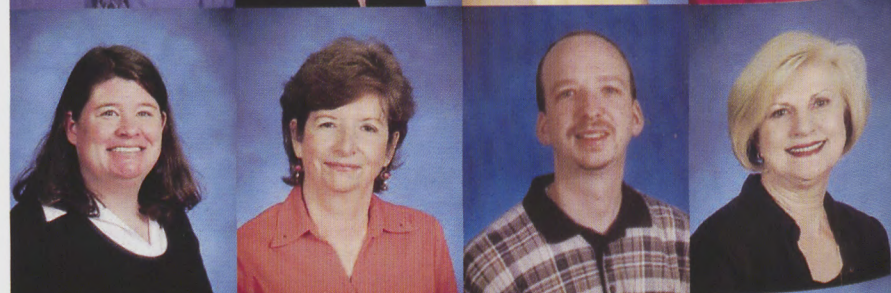
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Cecelia Brister
*Social Science and Business Chair,
Accounting/Economics*



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Dawn Brumfield
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Brenda Burch
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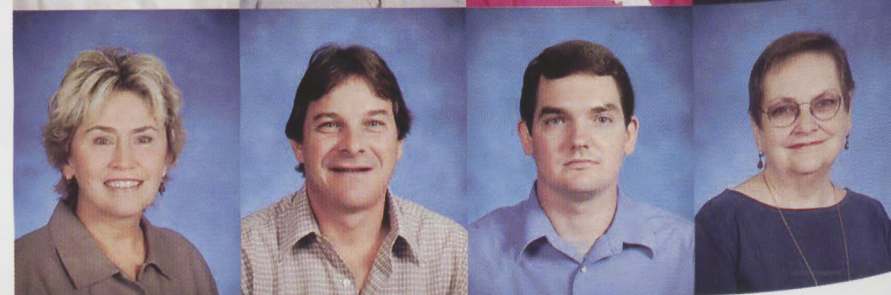
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Office Systems Technology
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Joy Smith Clayton
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English/ Foreign Language



Teresa Coon
Nursing
Joseph A. Cornacchione, II
Carpentry
Colter Cotten
Computer Information Systems Technology
Sally Coulter
Computer Science



Sometimes science teachers just need a break away from the lab! For Diane Turnage and Amelia Yawn Halloween was the perfect excuse.



Paul Dancisin
Political Science/ History
Brooks Dearing
Automotive Technology
Joseph Elliott
Voice and Music
Danny Esch
Diesel Equipment Technology

Phillip Evans
Welding and Cutting
Helen Felder-Johnson
Automation and Control Technology
Pete Ferguson
Chemistry
Amy Gazzo
English/Yearbook

Patsy Giles
Mathematics
Merrielyn Ginn
History
Dom Green
Head Football Coach, History
Stephanie Greer
Nursing

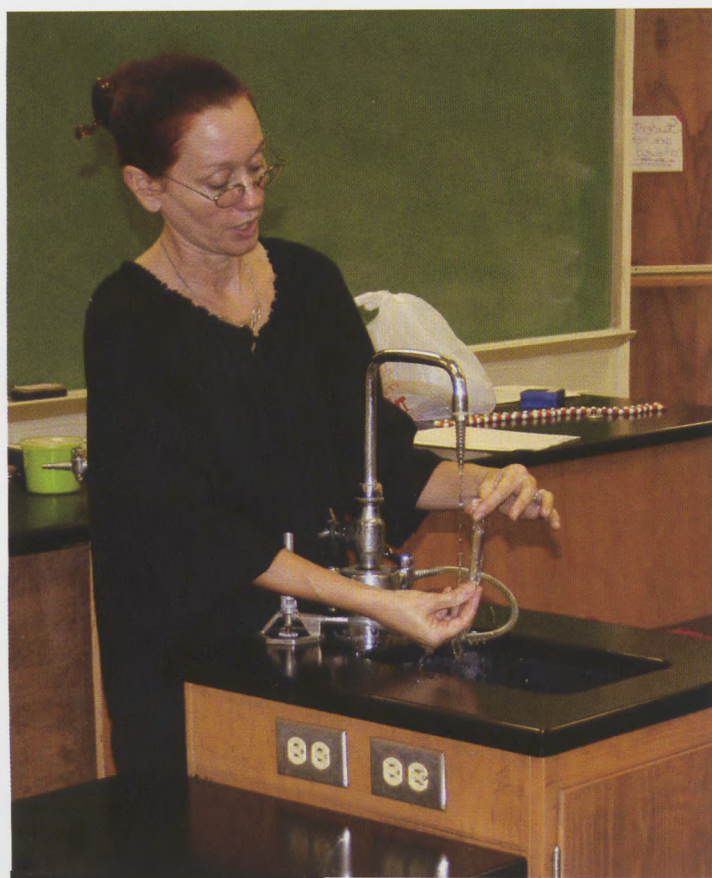
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Mathematics and Science Division Chair, Biological Science
Joshua Guest
Mathematics
Mera Hall
Music
Dr. Susan Hart
Nursing

Susan Hedges
Sociology
Renee Hogan-Powell
Coordinator/Counselor/WIA Liaison
Butch Holmes
Head Baseball Coach, Health
Larry Holmes
Athletic Director, History

Nancy Holmes
Reading
Linda Sue Janes
Biological Science
Betty Johnson
Academic Counselor, Psychology
Belinda Jones
Personal Development Specialist, English

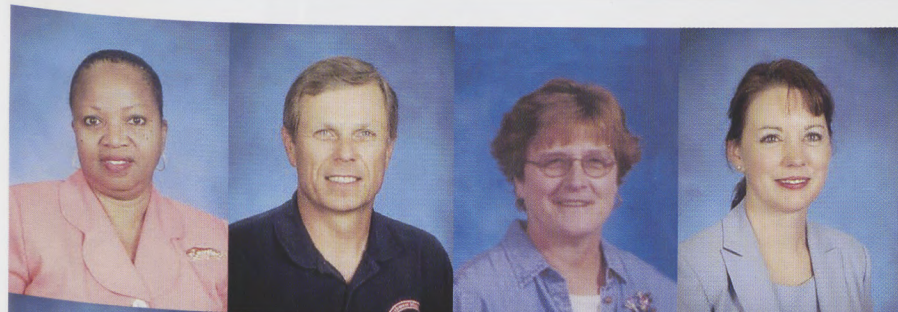
Madonna Jones
Cosmetology
Joe Juneau
Well Construction Technology
Linda Kavitz
Practical Nursing
Rev. Michael Knippers
Speech

Michael Kyzar
Heating and Air Conditioning
Connie Lambuth
Humanities and Fine Arts Chair,
Piano/Music
Sharon Lawrence
Nursing
Sharon Lawson
Speech, Director of Public Relations



Instructor Carla Griffin demonstrates how to prepare dialysis tubing for an experiment showing the properties of selectively permeable membranes while Instructor Joe Elliott returns graded work to his Music History students.

Faculty



Josie Laymond-Jackson

Nursing

Dan Lewman

Geography, Physical Science

Darlene Lindsey

Nursing

Bridgett Lowe

Industrial Services



Regina Lowe

Nursing

Deanna Martin

Marketing Management Technology

Gwen May

English/Reading

Jane McGrew

Director of Associate Degree Nursing



Sam McKinney

Social Science and Business Assistant Chair, Sociology/Political Science

Jennifer McLaughlin

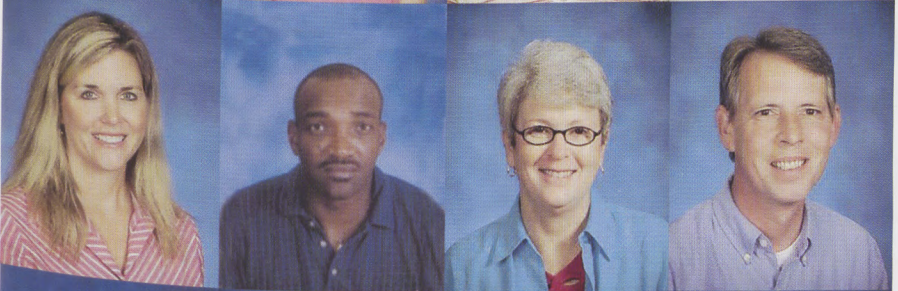
Speech

Natalie McMahon

Librarian

Carol Ann McMorris

Child Development Technology



Abby McNeil

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Kenny Miller

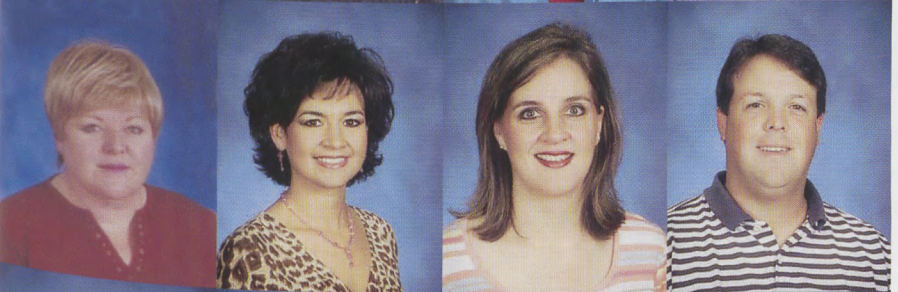
Law Enforcement Technology, Assistant Football Coach

Sandy Morrish

Special Populations Personnel

James O'Rourke

English



Dewanna Rand-Achord

Nursing

Debera Reeves

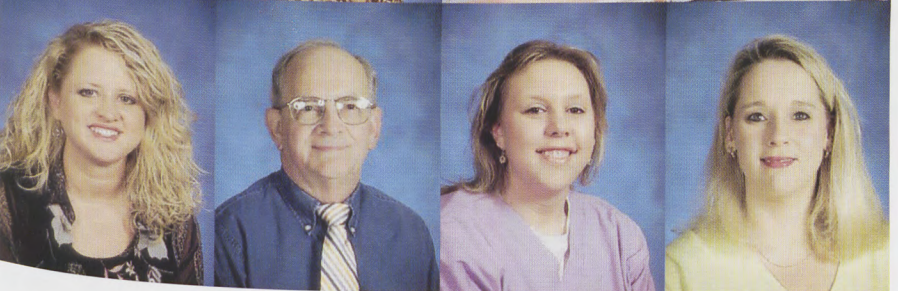
Mathematics

Dori Richardson

Mathematics

Ryan Ross

Assistant Football Coach, Health



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James Rushing

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Real Estate and Business
Hope Thompson
Reading
Diane Turnage
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Bradley White
Music
Dianne Wilkinson
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Skills Enhancement

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Rebecca Wilson
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Amelia Yawn
Biological Sciences
Ramona Young
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Outstanding Instructor and Student

Chosen by faculty, Carla Griffin, Chair of the Math and Science Division/Biology Instructor, and Virginia "Ginny" Dancisin were the newest recipients of HEADWAE honors. The 19th annual Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) is a program that annually honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Mrs. Carla Griffin has served as an instructor at Southwest Mississippi Community College for sixteen years. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences and her Master's Degree in Science Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She received the S.A.

Rosenbaum Earthwatch Teaching Fellows Grant in 1998 and studied Golden Eagles on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. She received the 2004 Mississippi Humanities Council Scholar Presentation Award at SMCC and presented a lecture on "Birds and Birdwatching's Influence on History and Literature."

Mary Virginia Dancisin of Summit is the daughter of Paul and Jan Dancisin. Ginny is a 4.0 graduate of North Pike High School where she was Valedictorian, Hall of Fame, and Who's Who Most Likely to Succeed, among numerous other awards.

As a Southwest MS Community College freshman, Ginny was class president, a member of the Student Government Association, class beauty, homecoming maid and won the zoology award. She

was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Beartracker Ambassador Team, the Baptist Student Union Praise Team and Leadership Council, and a cheerleader.

This year Ginny has a 4.0 grade point average and is sophomore class president, a member of the Student Government Association, and vice-president of scholarship in Phi Theta Kappa. She remains active at the BSU and continues to serve on the Praise Team and the Leadership Team. She is still on the Beartracker Ambassador Team and is now Co-Captain of the SMCC Cheerleaders. Ginny was the 2005 Homecoming Queen and Who's Who Most Beautiful.

She plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in biomedical engineering.

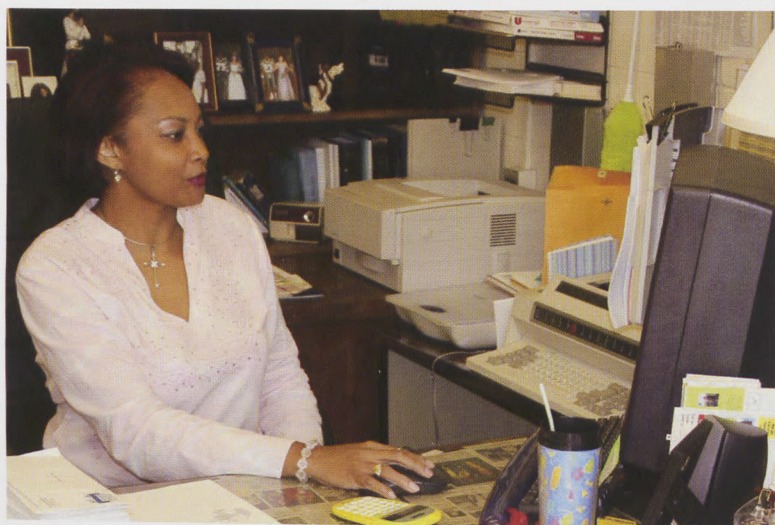
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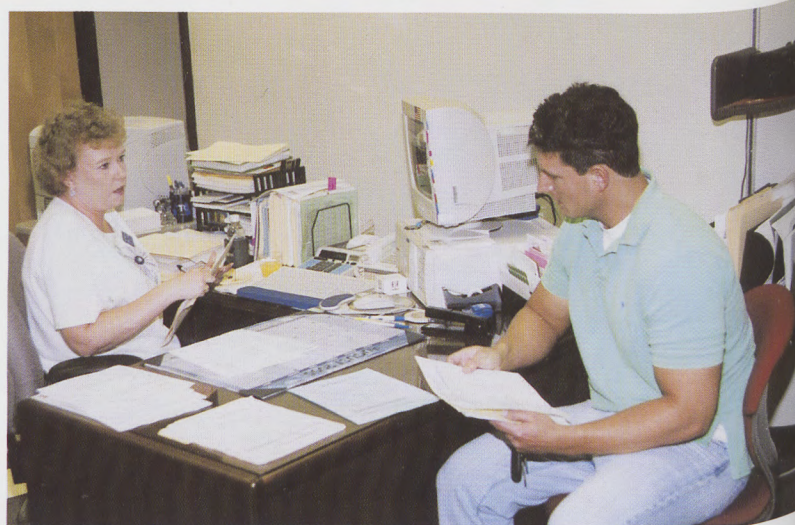
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Typing and more typing is the task at hand for Secretary Debbie Hodges.



During the hectic days of registration, Tammy Cain takes some time to help Will Dowling fill out his paper work.



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Barbara Wall
Preschool Teacher
Ronnie Welch
Technology Specialist



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Robert "T" Felder and Sylvester Spurlock



Housekeeping Staff
Sharon Pickett, Kay Murray, Mashall Rogers, and Glenda Haney



Grill Staff
Sylvia Brown, Sheila Schexnaydre, Centrell Veal, and Mary Ruth Murchie



Cafeteria Staff
Sandra Arnold, Tiffany Dillon, Tammy Brown, Food Services Director; Carolyn Deer

Hall of Fame



Stephen Bryant

Stephen Bryant, son of Les and Beth Bryant, graduated with honors from Brandon High School where he was a member of the Hall of Fame, Beta Club, was a two year captain of the baseball team, and First Team All-District. He was also Class Favorite, Senior Class Beau, and the recipient of the Principal's Leadership Award and Accounting Award.

As a Southwest freshman, Stephen was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Baptist Student Union, the volunteer Bear Tracker Ambassador Team, and the SMCC Bears' Baseball Team.

During his sophomore year, Stephen was voted Sophomore Class Favorite and participated in the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team while remaining active in Phi Theta Kappa, Bear Trackers, and the Bears' Baseball Team. Stephen has been on the President's List both his freshman and sophomore years.

Stephen plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in Business.



Ginny Dancsisin

Mary Virginia Dancsisin, daughter of Paul and Jan Dancsisin, is a 4.0 graduate of North Pike High School where she was Valedictorian, Hall of Fame, and Most Likely to Succeed.

As a Southwest freshman, Ginny was class president, a member of the Student Government Association (SGA), class beauty, homecoming maid and won the zoology award. She was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Bear Tracker Ambassador Team, the Baptist Student Union Praise Team and Leadership Council, and a cheerleader. Ginny also made the Dean's List as well as the National Dean's List.

During her sophomore year, Ginny held a 4.0 grade point average and was chosen HEADWAE Student of the Year. She was sophomore class president, a member of the SGA, and vice-president of scholarship in Phi Theta Kappa. Ginny remained active at the BSU serving on the Praise and Leadership Teams.

She plans to major in biomedical engineering at Mississippi State University.

Hall of Fame



Jamey Matte

Daughter of Judy Matte of Gloster and Melvin Matte of Prairieville, Louisiana, Jamey Matte graduated salutatorian of her class at Centreville Academy and was a member of the Hall of Fame. She was voted Most Likely to Succeed, was a member of the Beta Club, and received numerous other awards.

During her freshman year at Southwest, Jamey served as class secretary and was chosen a class favorite. She won academic awards in Western Civilization, Biology I, and Introduction to Computer. Jamey was on the Dean's List as well as the National Dean's List.

As a sophomore, Jamey served as Student Government Association president and as member of the Bear Tracker Team. She was a member of Partnership on Campus and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, holding the office of treasurer, and was a PTK Mississippi/Louisiana Region Southern Division Officer. She was Sophomore Maid for the Homecoming Court, Campus Favorite, and nominated for the USA All-Academic Team. She remained on the Dean's Lists.

She plans to attend Mississippi State University to major in Landscape Architecture.



Ashley Sasser

Ashley Regan Sasser, daughter of Tim and Kitty Sasser, graduated with High Honors from North Pike High School where she was a member of the Hall of Fame, Most Beautiful, and the Beta Club.

As a freshman, Ashley was class vice-president, voted freshman beauty and a member of the tennis team. She was a member of the Bear Tracker Team, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the dance-line. She was also a stage band singer and dancer and choir member. At the Baptist Student Union she served on the freshman council, the leadership team, and the praise team Focus.

During her sophomore year, Ashley served as President of Phi Theta Kappa and Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Along with being chosen Pike County's Miss Hospitality, she remained a member of the Bear Trackers, the stage band, dance-line, BSU teams, and was voted Miss SMCC.

Ashley plans to major in political science and attend law school at the University of Mississippi.

Mr. SMCC



Lindsey Lang



Ashley Sasser

Miss SMCC

Who's Who

Jamey Matte
Campus Favorite



Ginny Dancsisin
Most Beautiful



Brett Hicks
Most Handsome

Who's Who



Grant Rainey
Campus Favorite



Lauren McGinnis
Campus Beauty

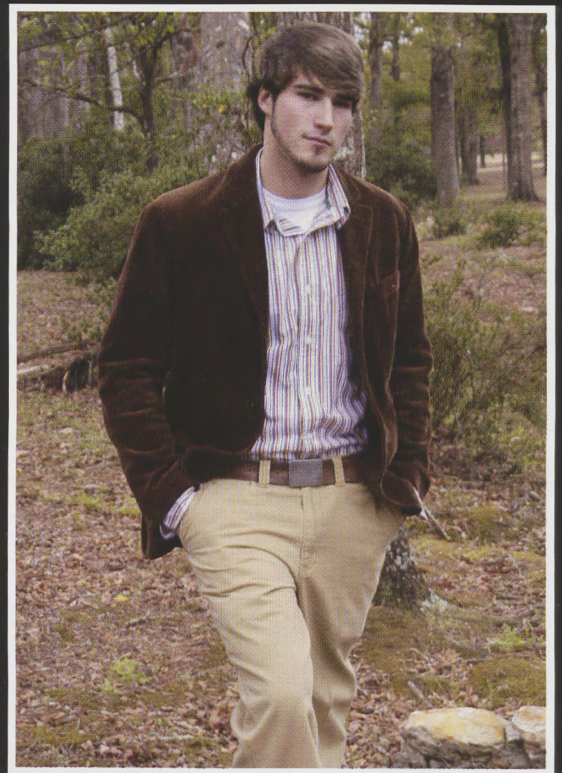


Matt Sessions
Campus Beau

Sophomore Who's Who



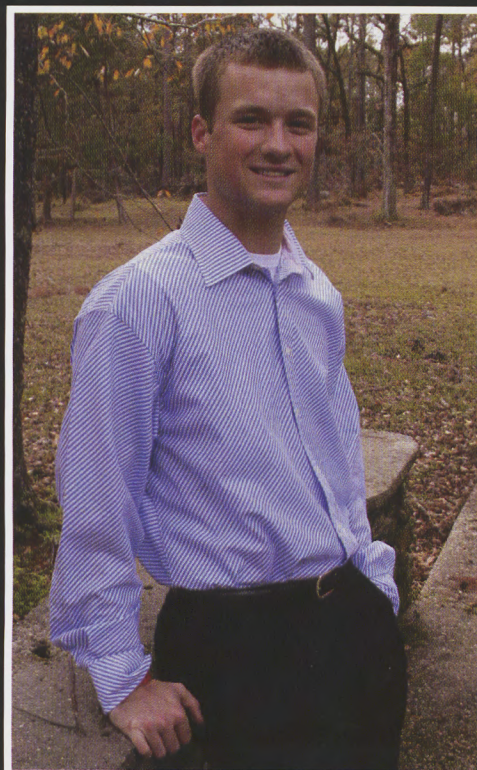
Kristen Allen
Sophomore Beauty



Derek McKenzie
Sophomore Beau



Nicole Boyd
Sophomore Favorite

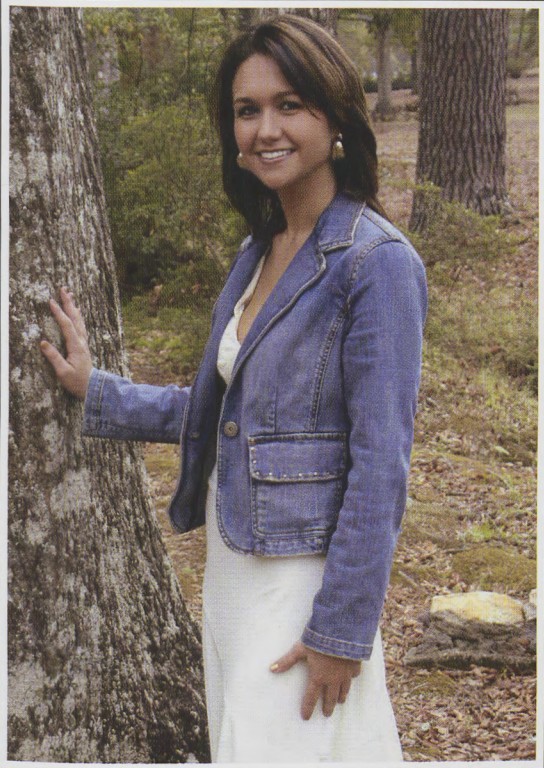


Stephen Bryant
Sophomore Favorite

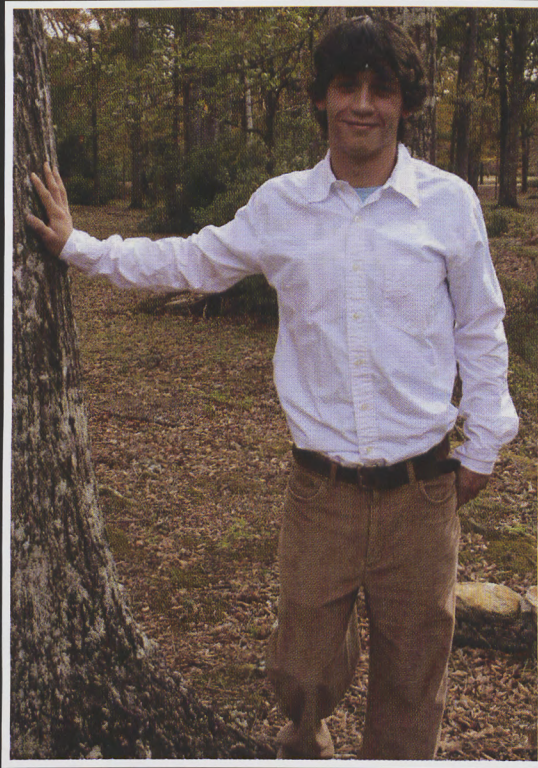


Gwen Anne
Sophomore Favorite

Sophomore Who's Who



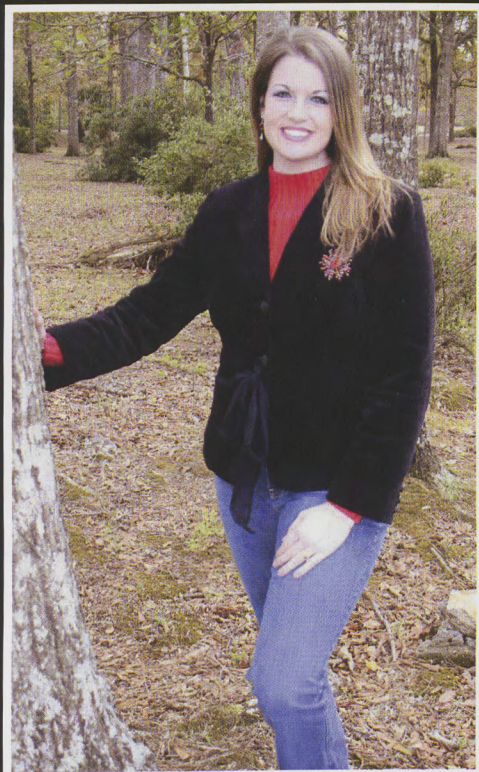
Whitney Tallarico
Sophomore Beauty



Daniel Perry
Sophomore Beau



Allen Pope
Sophomore Favorite



Linzee McGinnis
Sophomore Favorite



Brooks Smith
Sophomore Favorite

Freshman Who's Who



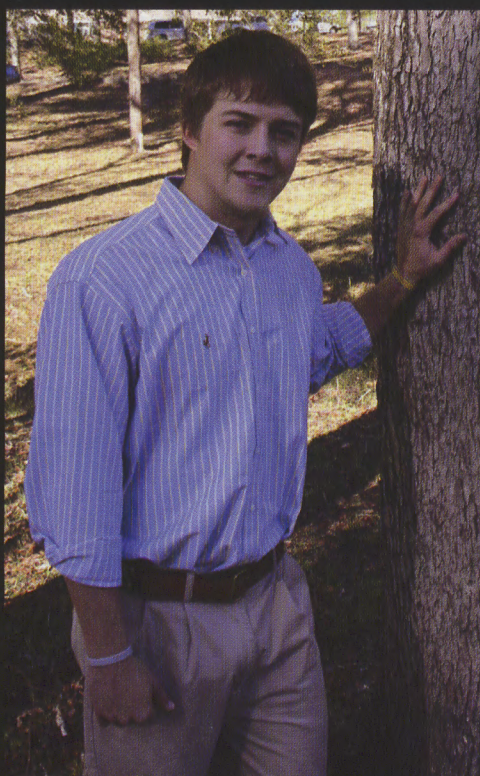
Kayla Brumfield
Freshman Beauty



Taylor Fortinberry
Freshman Beau



Robin Adams
Freshman Favorite



Tyler Brooks
Freshman Favorite



Jenna McDaniel
Freshman Favorite

Freshman Who's Who



Samantha Coon
Freshman Beauty



Daniel Preiss
Freshman Beau



Justin Duckworth
Freshman Favorite



Sydni Stone
Freshman Favorite



Tucker Hoge
Freshman Favorite

Adams - Bates

ROBIN ADAMS
Magnolia
DEMARIAN ADDISON
McComb
LATASHA ADDISON
McComb
MARY ALBRITTON
Bogue Chitto
ASHLEY ALDRIDGE
Gloster

BRITTNEY ALEXANDER
Tylertown
JOHN ALEXANDER
Ponchatoula, LA
LEE ALEXANDER
Jayess
PHILIP ALEXANDER
Independence, LA
JASON ALFORD
Osyka

JOHN ALFORD
Mt. Hermon, LA
SEMETTA ALFORD
Jayess
KRISTEN ALLEN
Clinton
KRYSTAL ALLEN
McComb
TAKEISHA ALLEN
Magnolia

VIVECA ALLEN
McComb
DEBORAH ALLRED
Bogue Chitto
KIMBERLY ALLRED
McCall Creek
AARON AMMONS
Brandon
MICHAEL ANAZIA
McComb

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Centreville
BARBARA ANDREWS
McComb
LATERICKA ANDREWS
Centreville
WENDY ANTHONY
Franklinton, LA
EDWARD ARBUTHNOT
Centreville



Enjoying a "Night in Paradise" at the Homecoming Dance, Meagan Gill, Becky White, Whitney Thompson, Kacie Wicker, Ashley Sasser, Brittney Alexander, Jessica Morris, and Whitney Tallarico gather for a picture before heading back out to the dance floor.



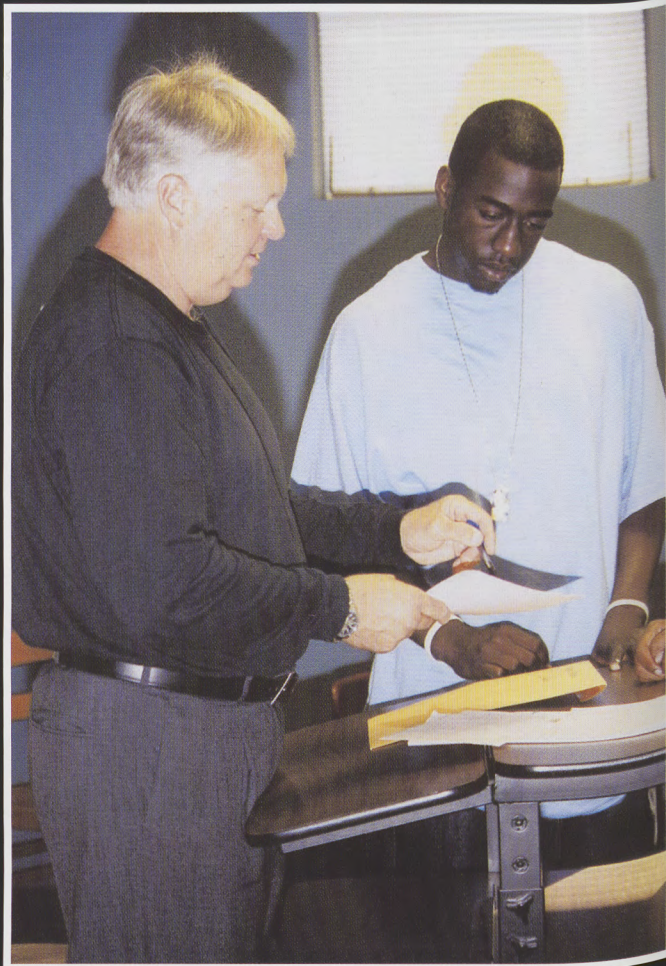
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DANIEL ARNOLD
Jackson
KAYLA ASHLEY
Gloster
TOMI ASHLEY
Crosby
BERNARDO BADON
Tylertown

MELISSA BADON
Jayess
TIFFANY BANKS
Gloster
WILLIAM BARLOW
Tylertown
ALBERT BARNES
McComb
BRUSHON BARNES
Hammond, LA

CARLA BARNES
Tylertown
LUCKY BARNES
Magnolia
GEORGINA BARNETT
Jayess
JOSEPH BARNETT
Summit
APPOLONIA BATES
Magnolia



In search of the right class, Dr. Coney schedules Paul Temple for the Fall semester while Coach Holmes suggests a schedule change for Gregory Hughes. Advisors work closely with students to achieve the perfect schedule to encourage academic success.



BRANDON BATES
Tylertown
SOKHEN BATES
McComb
FREDDIE BATTISTE
Natchez
CHANDLER BAUGHTMAN
Tylertown
MELISSA BAXTER
Gloster

ROBYN BAXTER
Gloster
MISTY BEARD
Jayess
MICHAEL BEDFORD
Summit
RESHEA BELLIPANNI
McComb
CERIA BENJAMIN
Brookhaven

RILINDA BENJAMIN
Woodville
CHRISTY BENNETT
Fernwood
TRACI BERRYHILL
Smithdale
AMY BINDER
Jayess
LLOYD BLAILOCK
McComb



Bates - Bridges



RICKEY BLALOCK

Gloster

SHENA BLAND

McComb

TOMEKA BLAND

Gloster

APRIL BLANTON

Natchez

NICOLE BLOCK

Summit

HAL BLOSSMAN

McComb

CORNELIUS BLOUNT

Kentwood, LA

MARK BLUE

McComb

COURTNEY BOARD

Summit

REBEKAH BOGGS-GRAY

Summit

ERIN BOIHEM

Albany, LA

JENNIFER BOND

Chatawa

APRIL BONDS

McComb

JANICE BONDS

Smithdale

DANNY BONNER

Centreville

KALEIA BONNER

McComb

JESSICA BOWSER

McComb

JOSEPH BOYD

Kokomo

LAUREN BOYD

Tylertown

NICOLE BOYD

Jayess

RAY BRANCH

Smithdale

COTY BRASWELL

Magnolia

BRANDY BRAY

Summit

BRANDON BRELAND

Sandy Hook

CAGNEY BRIDGES

Tylertown

Bridges - Campbell

DIONNA BRIDGES
McComb
MARK BRIDGES
Tylertown
RUTHIE BRIDGES
Tylertown
WILLIAM BRIDGES
Tylertown
DAMON BROCK
Magnolia

JUSTIN BROCK
Tylertown
KANISHA BROOKS
Magnolia
BRANDY BROOKS
Liberty
JASMINE BROWN
Meadville
KAYLA BROWN
McComb

KEMARTE BROWN
Kentwood, LA
VICTORIA BROWN
Meadville
WHITNEY BROWN
Purvis
CHARLES BRUMFIELD
Jayess
DALE BRUMFIELD
Tylertown

DEON BRUMFIELD
McComb
EBONI BRUMFIELD
Magnolia
JOSHUA BRUMFIELD
Magnolia
KAYLA BRUMFIELD
McComb
MARLON BRUMFIELD
Reserve, LA

SHELTON BRUMFIELD
Magnolia
STEPHEN BRYANT
Brandon
CHARMAINE BUCHANAN
Magnolia
GRETCHEN BUFKIN
Tylertown
ALVITASHA BULLOCK
Tylertown



During the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, some unlikely visitors drop by the campus. The helicopter landed to drop off supplies which were then trucked out to areas in need.



AMANDA BULLOCK
Ruth
POLLY BULLOCK
Tylertown
ROBERT BULLOCK
Bogue Chitto
TORY BURKETT
Bogue Chitto
TUNICIA BURKS
Jackson

JESSIE BURTON
Magnolia
LANCE BUSBY
Ruth
CYNTHIA BUTLER
Summit
MISTY BYERS
Brookhaven
DERRICK CAIN
Liberty

JASON CAIRE
Tylertown
SHAUNTA CAMEL
Gloster
CODY CAMERON
Lumberton
TAMARIA CAMERON
Roxie
LADEANIA CAMPBELL
McComb



Junior's Diner waitresses Ginny Dancisin, Amanda Russell, Ginger Upshaw, and Kristen Allen line up to catch their order before heading back to their tables. The BSU transformed into Junior's Diner for the first "7:11" where leadership team members became cooks and servers.

Amanda Russell, Kristen Allen, Ashley Sasser, Ginger Upshaw, Whitney Thompson, and Ginny Dancisin show off their 1950's style clothing.



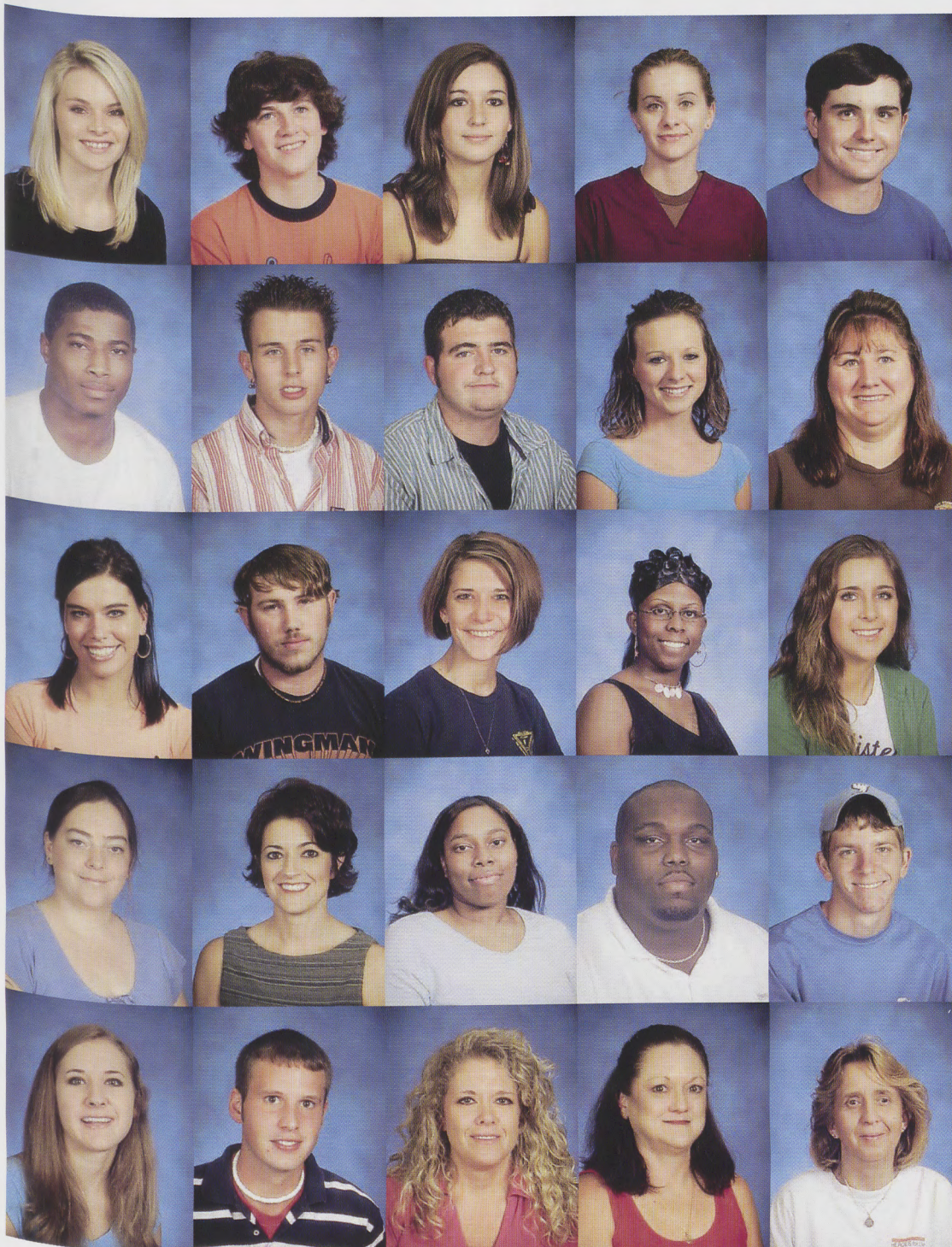
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Fayette
JULIA CASE
Summit
PRISCILLA CASTON
Gloster
ASHLEY CATOIRE
Summit
HANNAH CAUL
McComb

BLAKE CAUSEY
McComb
LAURA CAUSEY
Summit
EMILY CAVIN
Centreville
LISA CHISHOLM
Summit
CHRISTIE CLAIBORNE
Centreville



Carr - Creel



ANNIE CLARK

Jayess

BRANDON CLARK

McComb

KATHRYN CLARK

McComb

HEATHER CLAUSE

McComb

ROBERT COLE

Columbia

TRAVIS COLLINS

McComb

SEAN CONERLY

Tylertown

WILMON CONERLY

Tylertown

BRIDGET COOK

Liberty

LISA COOK

Magnolia

SAMANTHA COON

McComb

PHILLIP COOPER

McComb

ASHLEIGH COPELAND

Summit

MELONY CORLEY

Brookhaven

RACHAEL COSNAHAN

Summit

KATHRYN COSPER

Monticello

DAWN COTHERN

McComb

KELLEY COTTON

McComb

CHANNON COWART

McComb

BILLY COX

Columbia

GWENDOLYN CRAWFORD

Woodville

JACOB CRAWFORD

Tylertown

POLLY CRAWFORD

Summit

SUSAN CRAWFORD

Magnolia

IRIS CREEL

McComb

Crosby - Ellis

LORI CROSBY
Bogue Chitto
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TERRY CUTRER
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JONATHAN CYPRIAN
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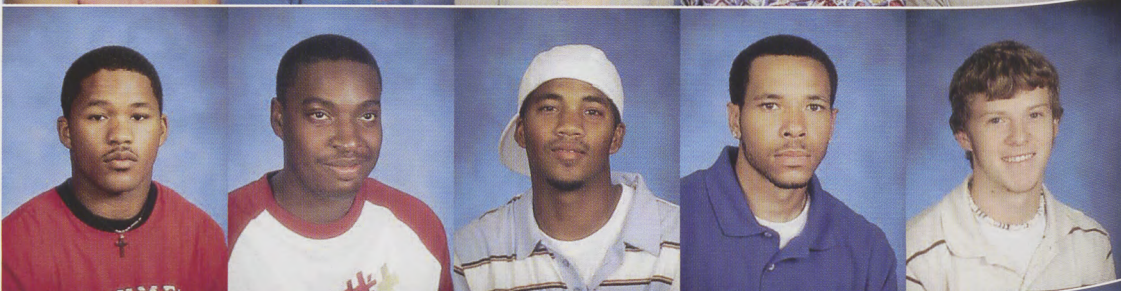
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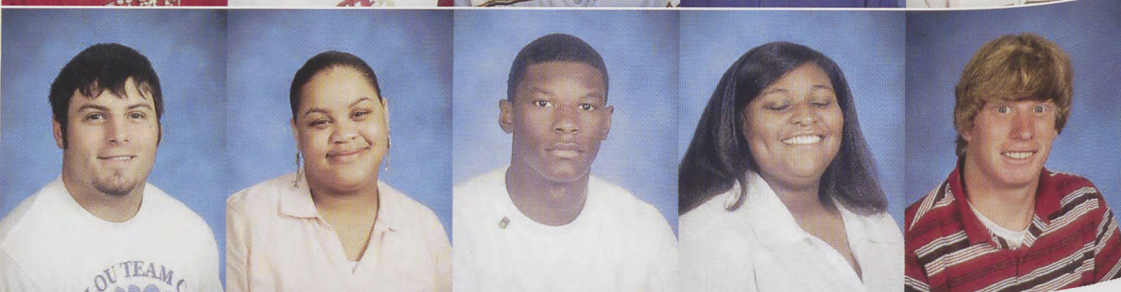
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Tylertown
CABIAS DILLON
Tylertown
JAMES DILLON
Tylertown
LAVON DIXON
Roxie
MATTHEW DOBBS
Osyka



DUSTON DORE
Woodville
LAKOISHA DOTY
McComb
ISIAH DOUGLAS
Hammond, LA
JENNIFER DOWELL
Tylertown
JUSTIN DUCKWORTH
Mendenhall





Kenterra Haynes, Meghan Gutter, and Nathan Pierce break away from the action on the field.

Pumping up the crowd, Meghan Gutter, Kayla Brumfield, Nathan Pierce, and Corey Smith cheer on the Bears.



REVATHI DUGGIRALA

Summit

LINDSAY DUNCAN

McComb

AMANDA DUNN

McComb

KATURAH DUNN

Magnolia

SCOTTY DUNNAM

Smithdale

TAMMIE DURABB

McComb

ASHLEY EASLEY

McComb

CARESSA EASLEY

Gloster

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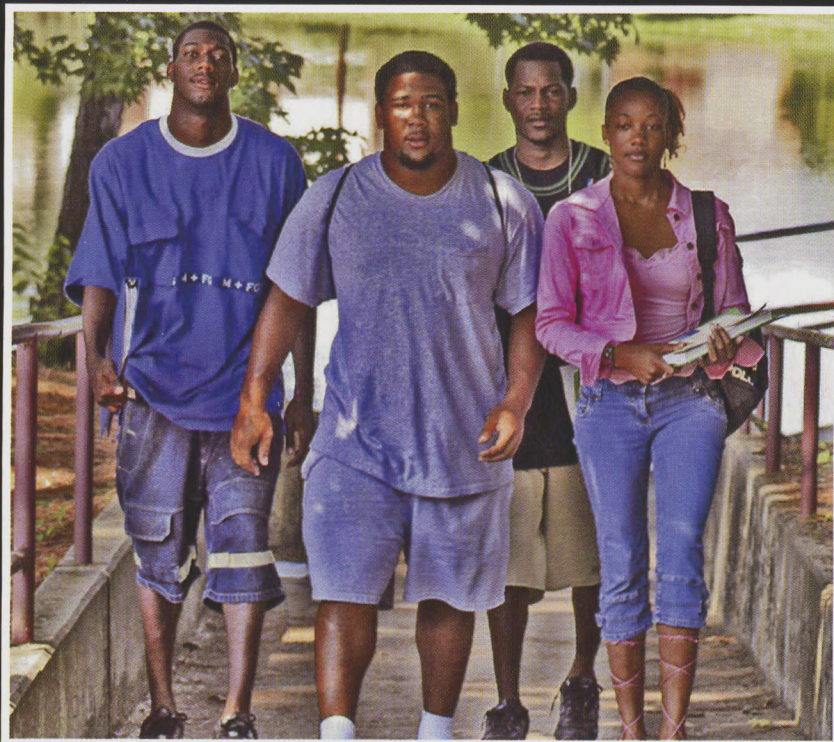
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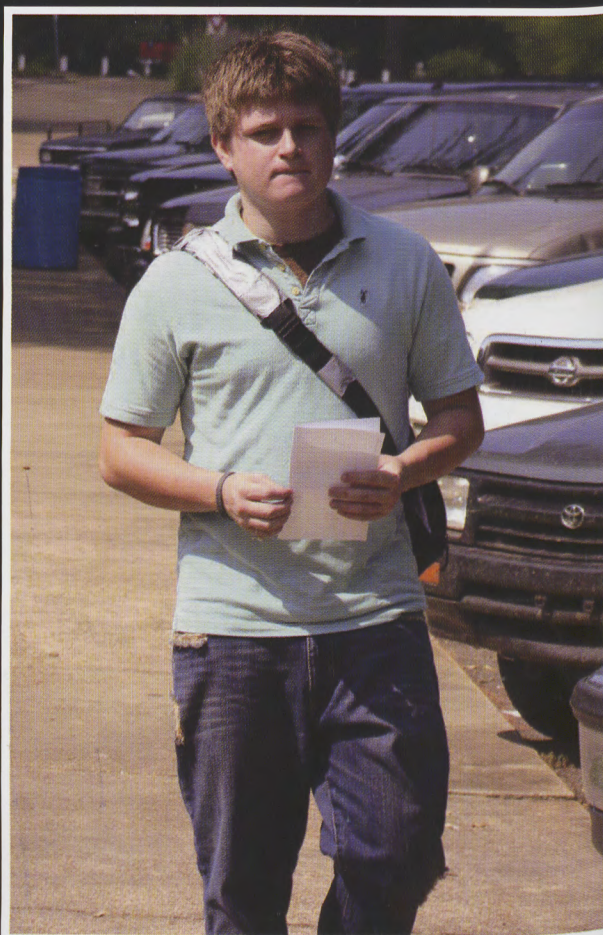
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KHAJDESHA ELLIS

Brookhaven



John Alexander, Alvin Fosselman, Derrick Shaw, and Rasheeda Trufant head to class crossing Bear Lake while Mitch Ingram leaves Anatomy and Physiology Lab walking back to the dorm. Throughout the school year students made many trips across campus by foot either alone or with friends.



- ASHLEY ELLZEY
Magnolia
BRANDON ERWIN
McComb
DENIELLE ESTESS
McComb
MARY ETHERIDGE
Bude
DARYSSIA EUBANKS
McComb

ELNORA FAIRBURN
Jayess
LEON FAIRBURN
Osyka
MARVES FAIRLEY
Carson
ZACHARY FARMER
Summit
HEATHER FAUCETT
Summit

JALESSA FELDER
McComb
JOHN FERGUSON
Meadville
SYRUS FINN
Amite, LA
BOBBIE FLEMING
Smithdale
BETHANY FORMAN
Gloster



Ellzey - Gill



JOSHUA FORMAN
Liberty
AMBER FORREST
Summit
CALEB FORTENBERRY
Tylertown
JENNIFER FORTENBERRY
Tylertown
LISA FORTENBERRY
McComb

MAEGAN FORTENBERRY
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ANGELA FOSTER
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ASHANTA FOUNTAIN
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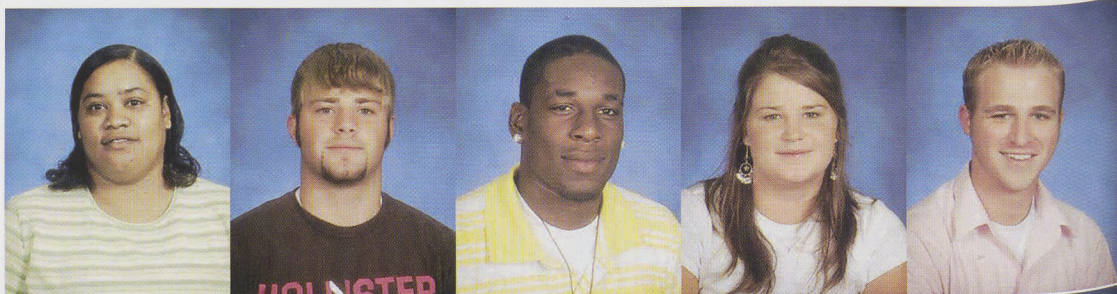
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BRITTANY FULTZ
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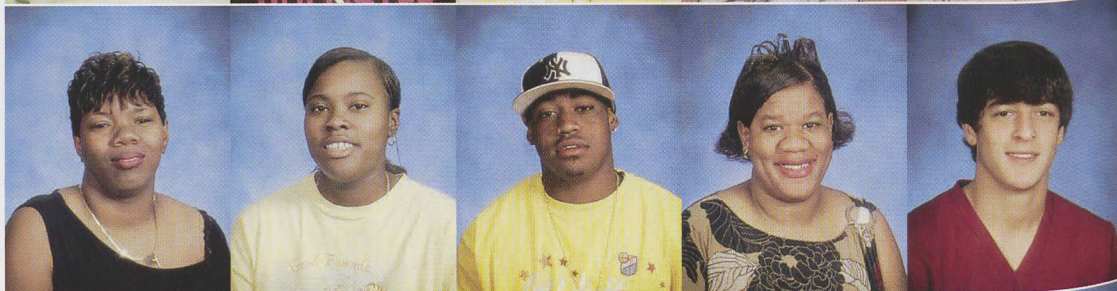
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LINDA GINN
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Purvis
EDGAR GIVENS
Louisville
KAILA GIVENS
Jayess
JOSHUA GOLMON
Smithdale



BEATRICE GORDON
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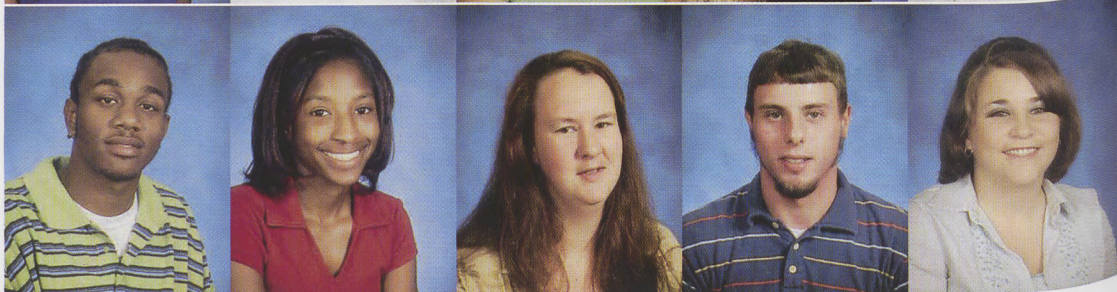
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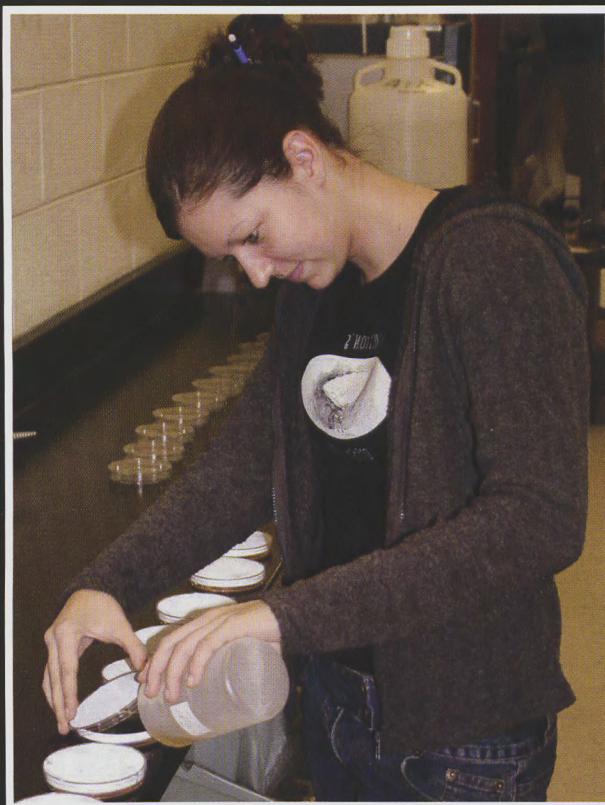


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CHARLES GUEARY
Magnolia
MEGHAN GUTTER
McComb
CRYSTAL HALL
McComb
TRISTAN HALL
Walnut, IL
KRISTEN HAM
Liberty





Instructor Connie Lambuth, Syrus Finn, Anthony Stevenson, and Marcus Holmes decorate the Christmas tree in the Holmes Student Union. The tree was officially lit the first of December.

Preparing a science experiment for instructor Carla Griffin, work study student Amy Murray pours bacterial growth medium into Petri dishes.



MICHELLE HANEY
Gloster
KARVANAUGH HARRIS
McComb
LAURA HARRIS
McComb
LETISHA HARRIS
McComb
MALCOLM HARRIS
Meridian

TOMEKA HARRIS
Summit
WILLIAM HARRIS
Summit
CARRIE HATHORNE
Prentiss
JEROME HATTEN
Eglin AFB, FL
MATTHEW HAY
Summit

JENNIFER HAYES
McComb
KENTERRA HAYNES
McComb
MARTHA HAYS
Liberty
SAVANNAH HEDGEPEETH
McComb
JOHN HEDGES
McComb

Taking a break for lunch, Blake Schilling, Jason Caire, Joseph Jones, and Wes Alford grab a bite to eat in the cafeteria before their afternoon classes.



JAMES HENDERSON

Vicksburg

JANEEN HENRY

McComb

ALLEN HERRING

Sandy Hook

KEDRICK HERRING

McComb

JADE HESS

Jayess

BRETT HICKS

Jayess

JENNIFER HICKS

Tylertown

RENAE HIDALGO

Summit

ALONZO HIGGINS

Greenwood, SC

MANDRELL HILL

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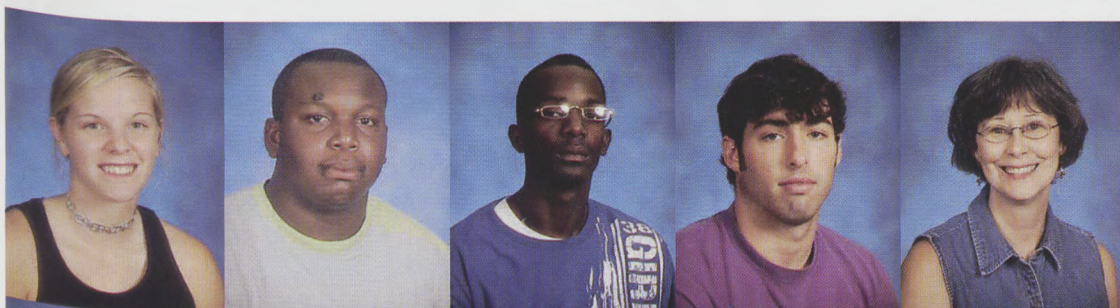
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Brandon



Henderson - Jackson



ELIZABETH HOLDER-CUMMINGS

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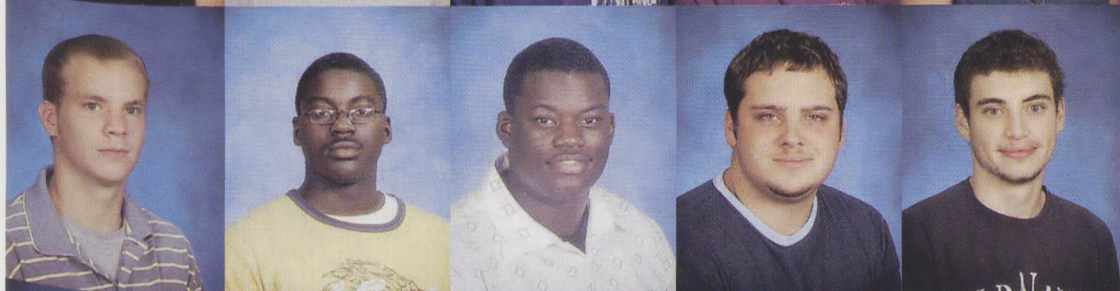
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Tylertown

JAMES HOWELL

McComb

TAYLOR HUDSON

Hattiesburg



JESSICA HUFF

Meadville

GREGORY HUGHES

Liberty

MARTHA HUGHES

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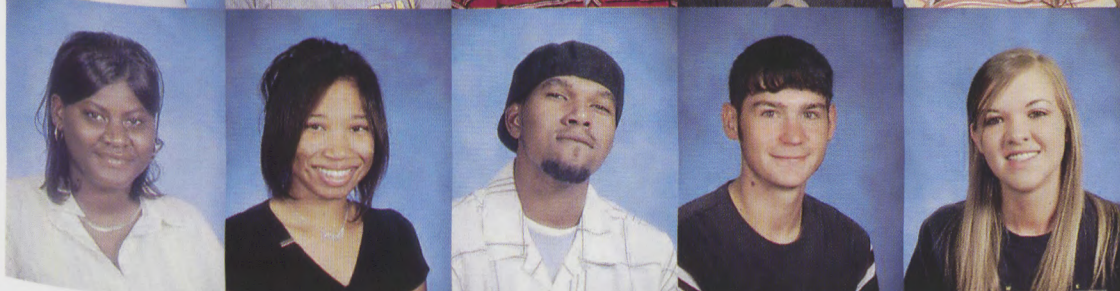
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KYLE JACKSON

Liberty

MEGAN JACKSON

Summit

Jackson - Lane

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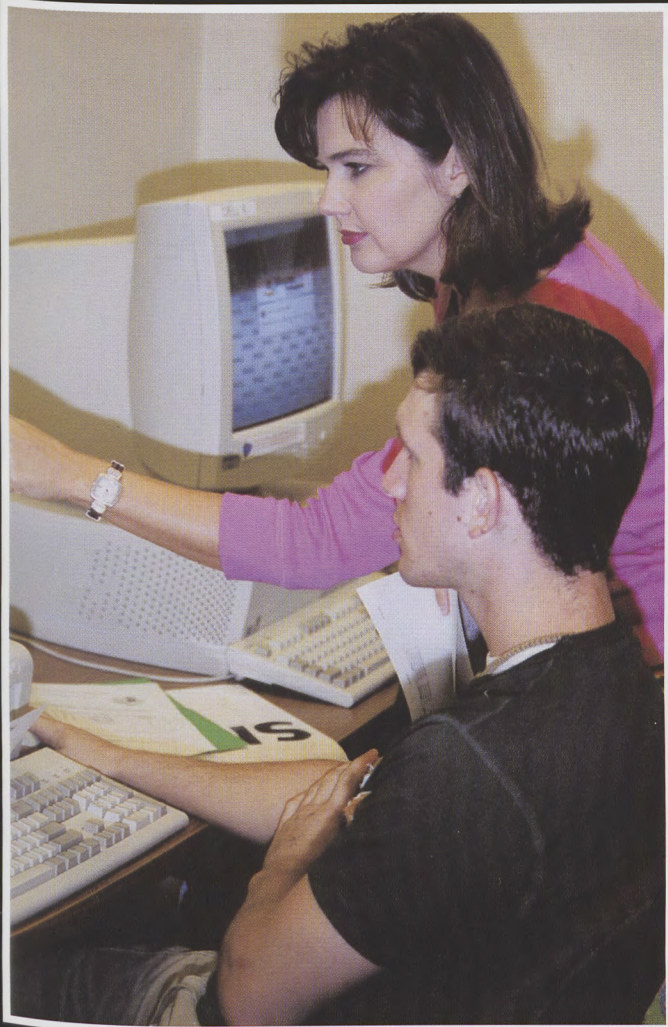
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LITANE JILES
Pearl
JACQUELINE JOHNSON
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OCTAVIA JOHNSON
Woodville

JOAN JOHNSON-SMITH
Smithdale
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Tylertown
ZACHARY JOHNSTON
McComb
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Summit

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JESSICA JONES
Summit
JOSEPH JONES
Mt. Hermon, LA
KIMBERLY JONES
Eupora
DANIEL JORDAN
Gloster





Perusing the list of classes offered for the Fall semester, Carter Lusk listens as instructor Dawn Brumfield gives advice as to which classes he should take.

With classes constantly filling up, Bear Tracker Kayla Ashley and instructor Bill Wallace make sure that the schedule guide is accurate.



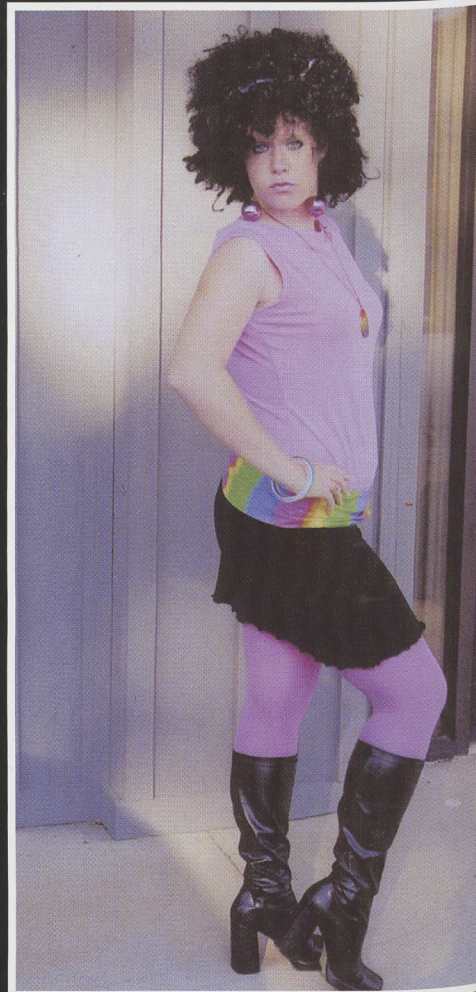
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Bogue Chitto
LUCAS KING
Kosciusko
CHARLES KNAPP
Smithdale
HOPE KNIGHT
Gloster

AMANDA KOHNERT
McComb
BRITTANY LAIRD
Tylertown
SARA LAIRD
Bogue Chitto
JENNIFER LAMBERT
Magnolia
TRACY LANE
Tylertown



Whether it's showing school spirit like Michelle Cochran and Meredith McMorris or dressing up for costume day like Brittney Alexander, Homecoming week gave everyone an opportunity to show their love for the Bears.



LINDSEY LANG
Morton
TEIA LAURENT
Tylertown
LEIGH LEAHEY
Liberty
ALISHA LEE
Denham Springs, LA
LEEANNA LEE
Centreville

RATICIA LEGGETT
Summit
ANGELA LENARD
Jayess
BOBBY LENOIR
Tylertown
MANDY LEWIS
Summit
MYESHER LEWIS
McComb

NATESHIA LEWIS
Brookhaven
ROBERT LEWIS
Foxworth
BRIAN LITTLE
New Hebron
QUANTONYA LOFTIN
Bassfield
JUSTIN LOFTON
Summit



Lang - McArthur



KEESHA LOFTON

Bogue Chitto

LORA LONG

Summit

MIA LONG

McComb

ROBERT LORD

Ruth

REBECCA LOVE

Magnolia

ODILE LOWERY

Magnolia

GARRITH LUNSFORD

Magnolia

ROBERT LUSK

Summit

JONATHAN MABRY

Summit

FARINA MAGEE

Tylertown

PAMELA MAGEE,

Tylertown

RAYNOLD MAGEE

Magnolia

SIERRA MAGEE

McComb

JONATHON MALONE

Liberty

ELLEISHA MARK

Tylertown

ARIC MARTIN

McComb

KEY MARTIN

McComb

WALTER MASON

Amite, LA

PAULETTE MATHIS

Brookhaven

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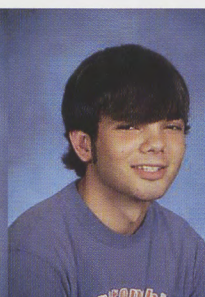
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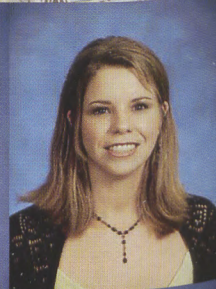
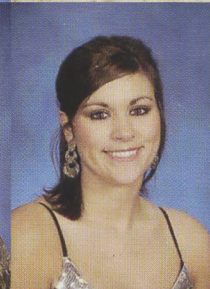
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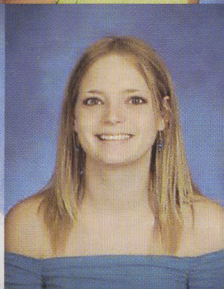
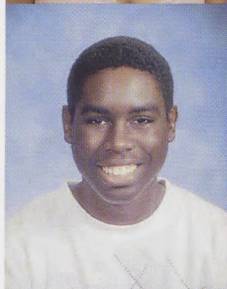
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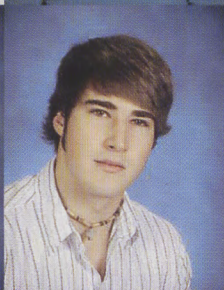
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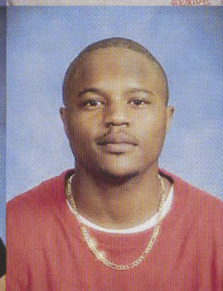
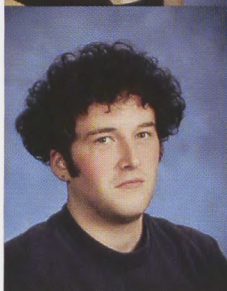
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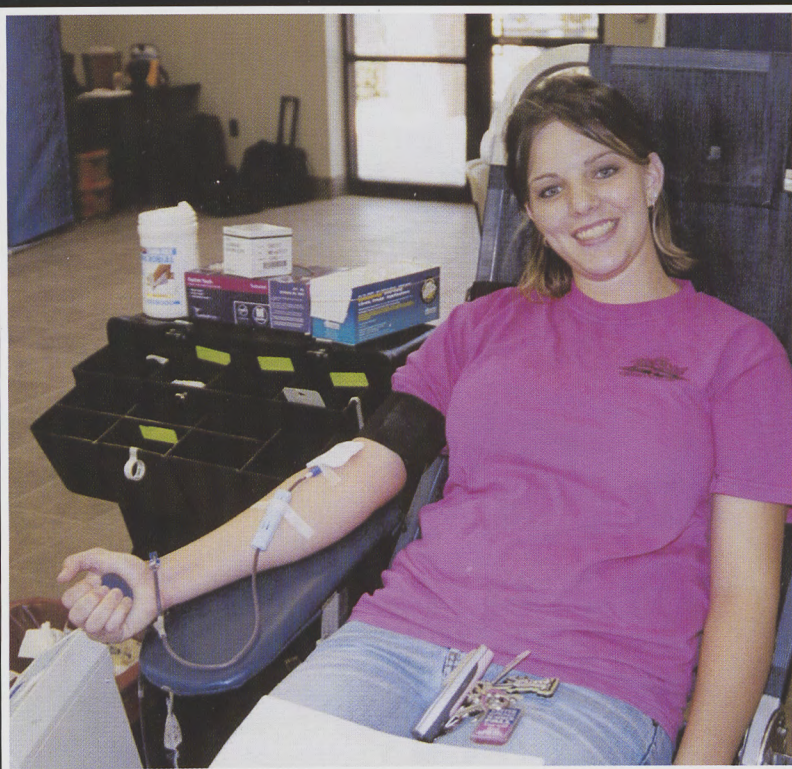


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Natchez



BRIAN MCMANUS
Summit
MEREDITH MCMORRIS
Summit
LEAL MCMULLEN
Summit
MIESHIA MCNABB
Centreville
MARTINA MCNEIL
Magnolia





Odile Lowery and Brittany Spears show there is no pain in giving the gift of life. Throughout the year the school hosted many blood drives.



SIDNEY MEALEY
Woodville
SUSAN MEANS
Summit
JENNIFER MELSON
Magnolia
SHAWN MERCELOUS
Kentwood, LA
LUCINDA MERCER
Summit

DONALD MEYN
Franklinton, LA
ERICA MILLER
Summit
JERREL MILLER
Summit
MAXIM MILLER
Liberty
RICARDO MILLER
Springfield, LA

SUSAN MILLER
Bogue Chitto
KRISTY MILUM
Jayess
MICHEAL MITCHELL
Summit
TASIA MITCHELL
Magnolia
TYRA MITCHELL
Magnolia

Diesel Equipment Technology students Bernardo Badon and Billy Cox operate a transmission jack. Students enrolled in the Career-Technical programs gained most of their knowledge through hands-on practice.



ZACHARY MITCHELL
McComb
CHAD MOAK
Bogue Chitto
BENNIE MONTGOMERY
Summit
JENNIFER MONTGOMERY
Tylertown
RANDY MOODY
Centreville

PAMELA MOONEY
Summit
GREGORY MOORE
Tylertown
STEPHEN MOORE
Smithdale
LANCE MORGAN
Tylertown
JASON MORRIS
Jayess

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McComb
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McComb
JESSICA MORSE
Tylertown
JEREMY MOTE
Summit



Mitchell - Owen



ASHLEY MOULDER
Gloster
ABU MUHAMMAD
Summit
ANITA MURRAY
Liberty
RUSSELL MYERS
McComb
TRAVIS MYERS
McComb

TRAVIS MYERS
Hammond, LA
ADRIN MYLES
McComb
JAMES NASH
McComb
CHARLES NETTERVILLE
Woodville
JESSICA NETTERVILLE
Gloster

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Foxworth
MELISSA NEWMAN
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TONYA NEWMAN
Magnolia

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Tylertown
DERELL NICHOLS
Mullins, SC
BRITTNEY NIELSON
Franklinton, LA
WILLIAM NUNNERY
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TRAVIS NYLIN
Summit

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Tylertown
JEFFREY O'QUIN
Osyka
MARY O'QUIN
Tylertown
MARTI OTT
Osyka
DANIEL OWEN
Magnolia



Pace - Rayford



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JOSEPH PANQUERNE
Hattiesburg
BOBBY PARKER
Crosby
JAHDSMAN PARKER
Hammond, LA
KELLY PARKMAN
Jayess

NITA PARSONS
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SHARON PATTEN
Summit
JASHONICA PATTERSON
Meadville
MARQUITTA PATTERSON
Magnolia
NATASHA PATTERSON
Ruth

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GLORIA PITTMAN
Ruth
LAQUANDA PITTMAN
McComb

TYREE PITTMAN
Tylertown
LAWANDA POLK
Jayess
ALAN POPE
Tylertown
DEVONDA PORTER
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KIA PORTER
Bogue Chitto





Waiting on class to begin, Malcolm Harris plays a piano tune while Lindy Alexander and Sydni Stone catch up on what's happening on campus.

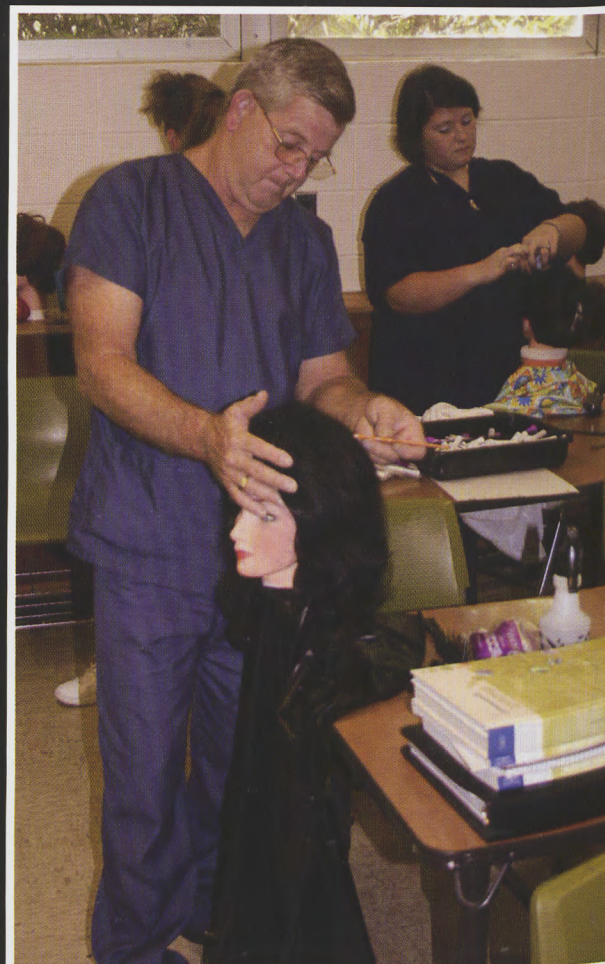


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GLOVER QUIN
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TONJA QUIN
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Tylertown
FELICIA RAIFORD
Tylertown
RONALD RAINEY
Liberty
ANDREW RANKIN
Summit
TREZETTE RATCLIFF
Magnolia

GREGORY RATLIFF
Tylertown
JOHN RAYBORN
Summit
KIMBERLY RAYBORN
Magnolia
THOMAS RAYBURN
Tylertown
OSCAR RAYFORD
Sandy Hook

Cosmetology students Malynda Cooper, Carley Jenkins, Rickey Blalock, and Krystle Thornton practice hair styling on their mannequins. Beginning in October, cosmetology students gained real-life practice through providing salon services to students and the general public for discounted prices.



ASHLEY REASON

Magnolia

JAMES REED

Liberty

SAMUEL REED

McComb

MACK REEVES

Ruth

ASHLEY REID

Jayess

DANIEL REID

Centreville

JANE REID

Monticello

AUDREOSA RHODES

Laurel

BROOKE RHODES

Tylertown

BRIAN RHODUS

Smithdale

KELLY RHODUS

Magnolia

TIFFANY RICHARDSON

McComb

JEREMY ROBBINS

Columbia

MEGAN ROBERSON

Wesson

HALEY ROBERTS

Bogue Chitto



Reason - Scheel



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Tylertown
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McComb
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DARREIN ROBINSON
Magnolia

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Woodville
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KATHERINE RUSHING
Tylertown

LACEY RUSHING
Tylertown
LESLIE RUSHING
Tylertown
AMANDA RUSSELL
Ruth
GARY RUSSELL
Tylertown
WILLIAM SANDIFER
Tylertown

JUSTIN SANFORD
Magee
RENEE SANSING
Gloster
CASSEY SARTIN
Jayess
ASHLEY SASSER
Summit
PHILIP SCHEEL
Summit

Schexnaydre - Starks

AMANDA SCHEXNAYDRE

Summit

LUCUIS SCHILLING

Mt. Hermon, LA

DAVID SEIBER

Woodville

DUSTIN SELLARS

Centreville

DWIGHT SHAFFER

Tylertown

DERRICK SHAW

Columbia

LACHESNE SHAW

Meadville

JACOB SHEPHERD

Tylertown

CRYSTAL SHIELDS

Tylertown

KENNIE SIBLEY

Independence, LA

STACY SIBLEY

Independence, LA

AMANDA SIMMONS

Bogue Chitto

BRITTANY SIMMONS

Sumrall

ROBYN SIMMONS

Tylertown

MARY SIMS

Natchez

TAMARIA SINGLETON

Tylertown

ELISHA SKELTON

Summit

RODERICK SLAN

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Magnolia

APRIL SMITH

Tylertown

BROOKS SMITH

Smithdale

COREY SMITH

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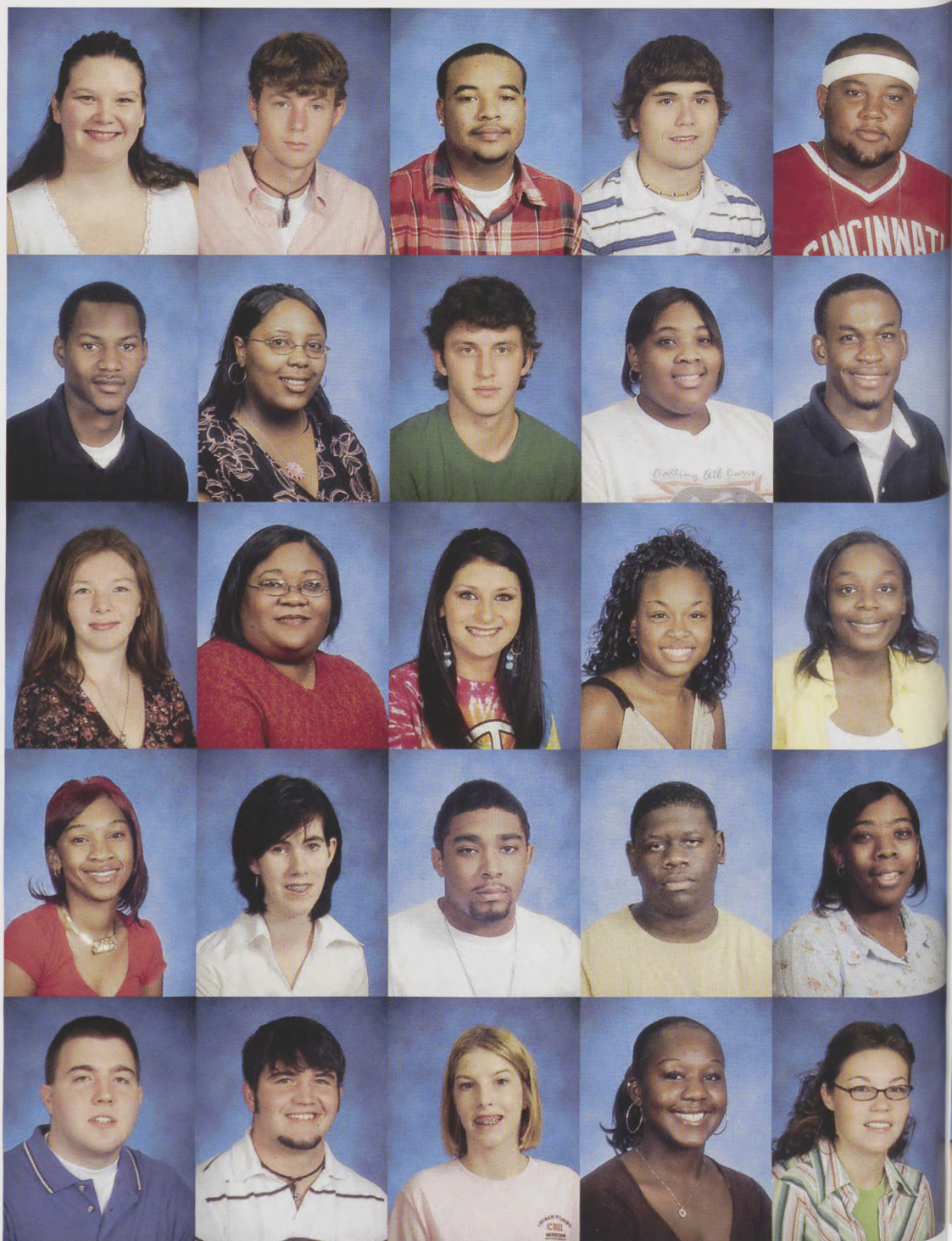
Magnolia

DOROTHY SMITH

Brookhaven

HOLLY SMITH

Jayess





Passing time in the grill, Alonzo Higgins takes his shot. Many students visit the grill after class to enjoy the food and games or to hang out with friends.



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Tylertown
KENTRELL SMITH
Tylertown
MELANIE SMITH
Magnolia
BERYL SNOW
Chatawa

CHASE SORRELL
Tylertown
LACEY SPARKS
McComb
SCOTT SPEED
Tylertown
AMBER SPENCE
Sandy Hook
JOHN SPIERS
Summit

NATALIE SPILLMAN
Liberty
TAMESHA SPURLOCK
McComb
THEODORE STALLINGS
Magnolia
SHAYLIA STANDBERRY
McComb
SAMANTHA STARKS
Meadville

Sam Reed and Delquana Green take advantage of the beautiful weather and move their study session outdoors.



KEEDAH STEPHENS
Centreville

BOBBY STEPTOE
Roseland, LA

MARCUS STEPTOE
Magnolia

DAN STEVENS
Gloster

JANEY STEVENS
Liberty

LOU STEVENS
Gloster

VICTORIA STEVENS
Woodville

ANTHONY STEVENSON
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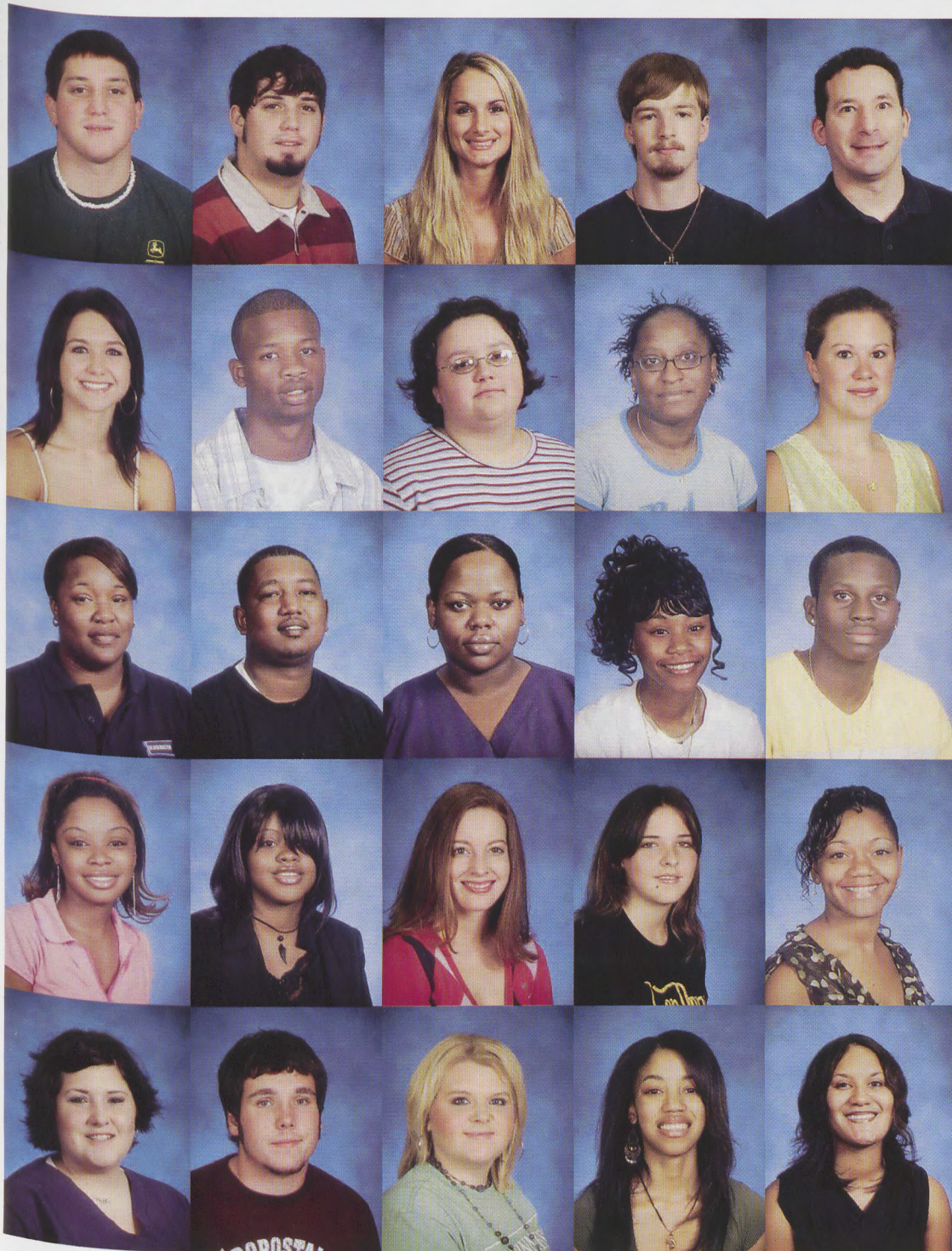
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KENDALL STRATTON
Liberty

TIFFANY STRICKLAND
Osyka



Stephens - Toliver



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Centreville
DEANNE SUMMERS
Byram
SHANE SUMMERS
McComb
GARY SWIRE
McComb

WHITNEY TALLARICO
Gloster
AARON TAPLIN
McComb
CASSANDRA TARVER
Liberty
KISHA TATE
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SHERRY TAYLOR,
McComb
TAKENDRICK TAYLOR
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ANGELA THOMPSON
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DEMETRIUS THOMPSON
McComb
JOSHUA THOMPSON
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KATHERINE THOMPSON
Summit
TAWANNA THOMPSON
McComb
WHITNEY THOMPSON
Lumberton
ERIN THORNHILL
Bogue Chitto
JASMINE THORNTON
Tylertown

KRYSTLE THORNTON
Summit
CHASE THRASHER
Centreville
BONNIE TILLMAN
Purvis
CHAROLE TODD
Summit
KENDRA TOLIVER
Liberty

Torrence - Wicker

LATAUNYA TORRENCE

Magnolia

KAYLA TOUPS

Summit

BRANDON TOWERY

McComb

ROMONA TRAHAN

Centreville

RASHEEDO TRUFANT

Centreville

ALFER TUCKER

McComb

KODY TULLOS

Summit

ANTONIO TURNER

Woodville

DUSTIN TYNES

McComb

VIRGINIA UPSHAW

Centreville

CADE USRY

Bogue Chitto

CLARENCE VARNADO

Magnolia

JESSICA VARNADO

Osyka

CHARLES VEAL

Gloster

QUAZENDRE VEAL

Gloster

ALLISON VEALS

Woodville

JESSICA VEST

McComb

WHITNEY VINCE

Sandy Hook

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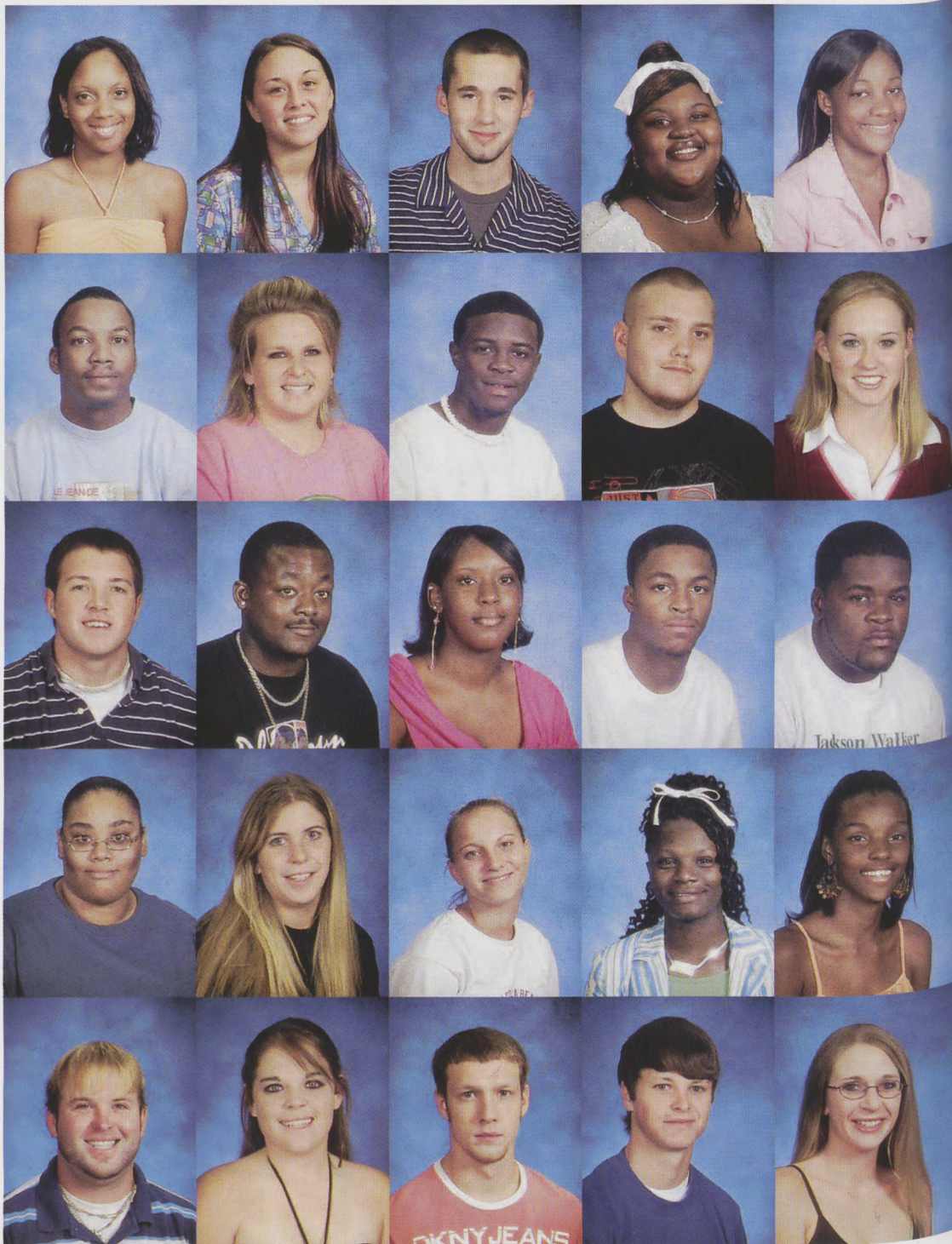
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MICHAEL WALLACE

Jayess

CHRISTI WEBB

Smithdale



From their viewing stand on the sidelines, Homecoming Maids Robin Adams, Lauren McGinnis, and Ashley Sasser take a break from watching the game to smile for the camera.



INDIA WEBB
Summit
KRISTINA WEBB
McComb
ADRIENNE WELLS
Liberty
OLIVER WELLS
Tickfaw, LA
TIFFINI WELLS
McComb

DONNIE WESTBROOK
Jayess
DALE WHEAT
Summit
ANNA WHETSTONE
Woodville
JORDAN WHITAKER
Woodville
CANISHA WHITE
McComb

KETOVIE WHITE
Magnolia
NATASHA WHITE
McComb
REBECCA WHITE
Summit
TIFFANY WHITE
Natchez
ALISON WICKER
Summit

After a morning session of classes, nursing students Tiffany Martin, Polly Crawford, Lisa Fortenberry, Dawn Cothern, Kristina Webb, and Lacey Sparks get a breath of fresh air before heading back to the classroom.



KACI WICKER

Liberty

LISA WICKER

Tylertown

SAMANTHA WILKINSON

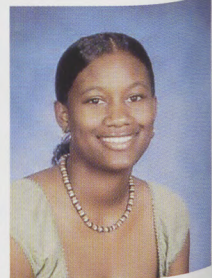
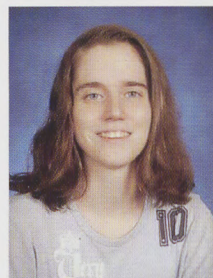
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McComb

CHERVANTIS WILKS

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ALMA WILLIAMS

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ARTRELLIS WILLIAMS

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DONALD WILLIAMS

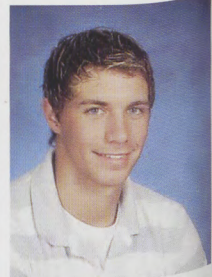
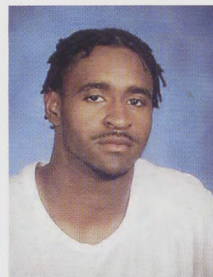
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Jackson, LA

KEITH WILLIAMS

Gulfport



KELVIN WILLIAMS

Centreville

KRISTI WILLIAMS

McComb

RICKY WILLIAMS

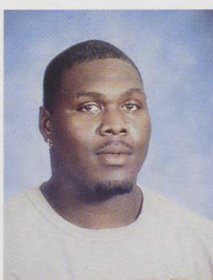
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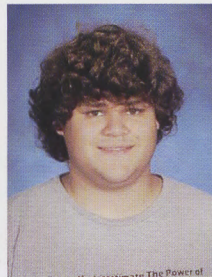
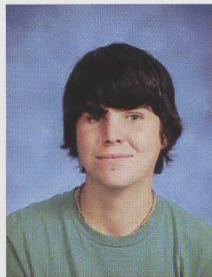
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McComb



Wicker - Youngblood



HEATHER WILLIAMSON

McComb

JANET WILSON

McComb

VICKIE WILSON

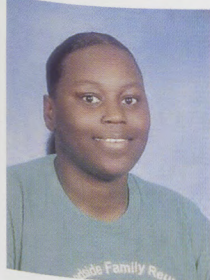
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DANIEL WOOD

Tylertown

JONATHAN WOOD

Tylertown



TEMICA WOODSIDE

Centreville

SARAH YOUNG

Brookhaven

DEMITRI YOUNGBLOOD

Tylertown

LATERRA YOUNGBLOOD

Tylertown

ORLEAN YOUNGBLOOD

Tylertown



Kimberly McKnight and Malcom Harris meet on the bridge to review for an upcoming English test.



Enjoying time together, Samantha Starks, Lachesne Shaw, Jasmine Brown, and Victoria Brown hang out on the second floor balcony in the girls' dorm.

Zach Farmer slides around J.R. Higginbotham to make the catch.



Blake Schilling gives it his all but in the end comes up short.



INTRAMURALS

Ultimate Frisbee Builds Big Response

Intramurals gave students a chance to interact and prove their athletic ability by competing among themselves. For some, it was a chance to hit the playing field and break away from the books. For others, it was a fun way to stay in shape.

Starting in November, one intramural activity, Ultimate Frisbee, drew more than thirty participants to the football playing field once a week. Students took to the challenge of learning this new sport, and in the process made new friends.

Meeting each Thursday at 3:30, these UFO athletes divided into teams and continued game action until dark. With similarities to football, basketball, and soccer, Ultimate Frisbee players learned the rules and got into the game quickly, but soon realized that endurance was a necessary skill to keep up. But, with the new rules established, players hit the fields ready for some fast-paced, non-contact fun.

Overall, intramural activities brought about stiff competition, but through the friendships and the fun everyone came out a winner.

Joseph Jones, John Alford, Tucker Hoge, Jason Wallace, J.C. Boyd, and Martell Baus get into Ultimate Frisbee game action .



Starting the game, instructor Josh Guest makes the first throw while Jason Wallace dives for the catch.

Amber Spence, Jessica Griffin, Lindsay Foreman, and Whitney Vince hang out by the softball field before heading to practice.



Building Bear Bonds

Each student comes to Southwest for a different reason; each with a different dream. Yet, the one uniting factor is that Southwest students form a bond creating a family atmosphere throughout the campus. Through group assignments, sporting events, and organizational meetings, students met and learned others. They lived together in dorms, attended lectures and labs in classrooms, socialized and ate in the Grill, cheered for the mighty Bears, and walked across Bear Lake. The demands and relaxation of college life allowed students opportunities to form new friendships and create lasting memories.

Students involved in sporting and academic competitions

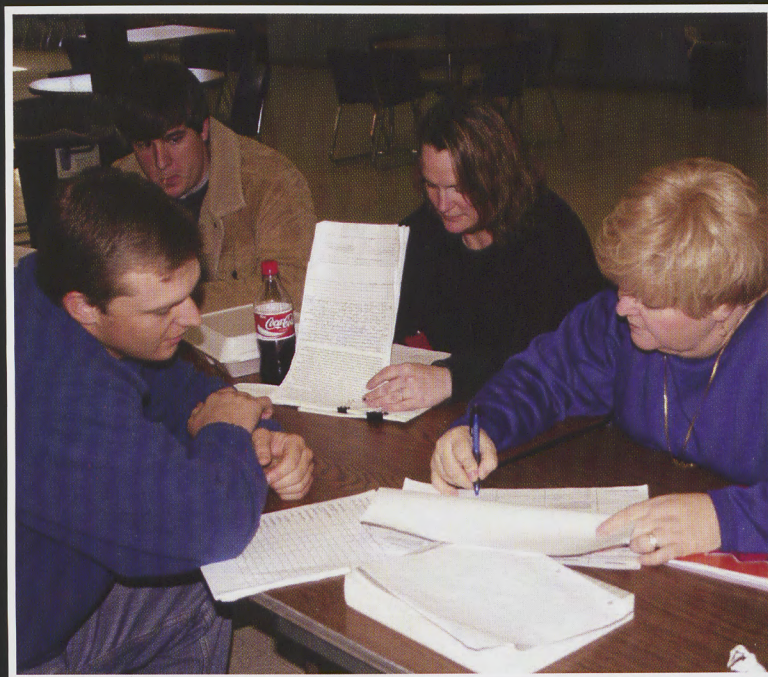
built Bear bonds after weeks of practice for Scholars Bowl or sporting activities, such as baseball, softball, football, tennis, and basketball. Teamwork and grueling practices made competitors respect each other and the game.

Students desiring to perform had the opportunity to meet fellow performers through the Stage Band and the Marching Band. After hours of singing and dancing before a show and regular practice throughout the year, performers gained discipline and reliance on one another.

It is through these activities and daily events that students formed lasting friendships, found lifelong mates, gained independence, respected differences, chose career paths, and earned skills for a new job or knowledge for continued study. These experiences made a mark on students' lives and built a Bear family bond.



Whether you are gaining a new perspective of the campus like Sean Conerly, working after class with nursing instructor Dewanna Achord like nursing students Stephen Pepper, Matthew Perkins, and Jennifer House, taking a break like Renea Beard, Karen Guidry, and Brandi Rivers, kicking around the soccer ball like Dale Wheat and Mack Reeves, or heading to class like Landa Maxwell, Derrick Greene, and Jennifer Bates, Southwest students are building Bear bonds.





Building Bear Memories

When thinking of Southwest, you instantly visualize the beauty of the campus. Regardless of season, vibrant colors adorn its surfaces to produce an aesthetically pleasing and soothing environment conducive to learning.

Long after students leave, they remember the days they shuffled through the fallen leaves, strolled by blooming azaleas, listened to the geese squawk in Bear Lake, and saw seasonal flowers change in front of the buildings. Without a doubt, Southwest has the most beautiful campus in Mississippi, regardless of the season. So, as students leave Southwest, they take with them memories of the beautiful campus. They remember hours spent in study, walks through the winding trails, fishing in Bear Lake, admiring the foliage in full bloom, and crossing Bear Lake. They remember that from the aesthetic beauty of its campus to the internal beauty of its people, Southwest truly is built on excellence.





Student Directory



The following list contains the names of students enrolled on January 13, 2006 at Southwest for the 2006 spring semester.



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Adams, Sameika
Addison, Cardarris
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Addison, Demarian
Addison, Latasha
Albritton, Mary
Aldridge, Ashley
Alexander, Brittney
Alexander, John
Alexander, Lee
Alexander, Lindy
Alexander, Philip
Alford, Jason
Alford, John
Alford, Linda
Allatto, Mica
Allen, Kristen
Allen, Krystal
Allen, Takeisha
Allred, Deborah
Allred, Kimberly
Alvey, Toni
Amin, Harsh
Anazia, Michael
Anderson, Angela
Anderson, Antionette
Anderson, Bobbye

Anderson, Ochsharalla
Anderson, Raymond
Anderson, Brian
Andrews, Latericka
Andrews, Naketha
Anthony, Wendy
Ard, Lashonda
Ard, Monchetta
Armstrong, Mikah
Arnold, Adrienne
Arnold, Daniel
Aron devito, Jodie
Ashley, Kayla
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Ashley, Tomi
Atkinson, Barbara
Aultman, Joshua
Aultman, Kenny



Bacot, Percy
Bailey, Nada
Bailey, Stephen
Bailey, Ursula
Baker, Connie
Ball, Demitrius
Ballard, Tarra
Ballew, Justin
Banks, Katrice
Bankston, George
Barlow, William
Barnes, Albert
Barnes, Brushon
Barnes, Carla
Barnes, Devin

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Bass, Brandon
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Bates, Sokhen
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Beard, Anita
Beard, Fay
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 Haynes, Kimbra
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 Hearn, Sombre
 Hedgepeth, Savannah
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